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#### Outreach - 819.7 Free Comedy

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#### WCF The Upper Deck

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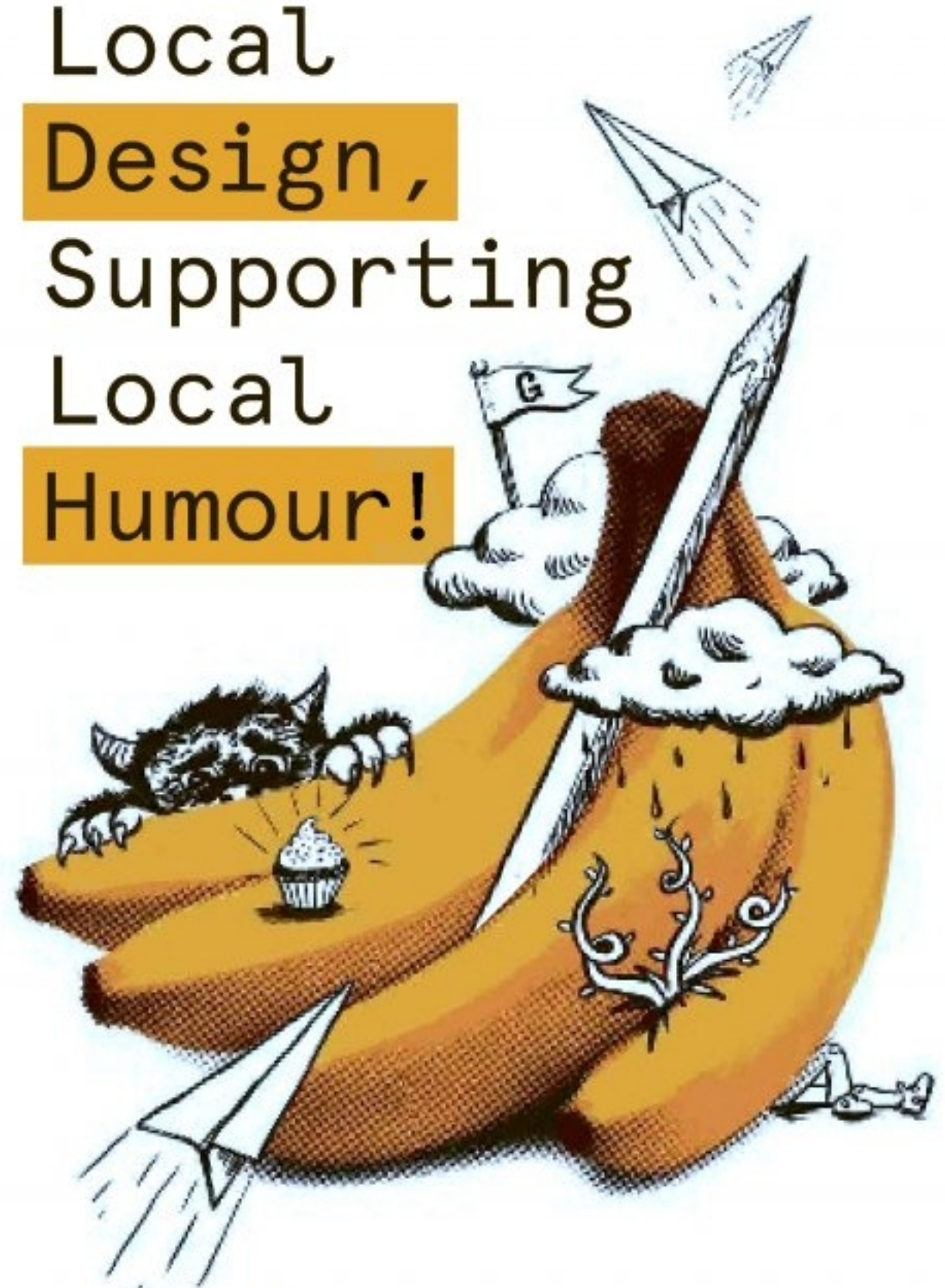


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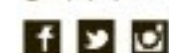
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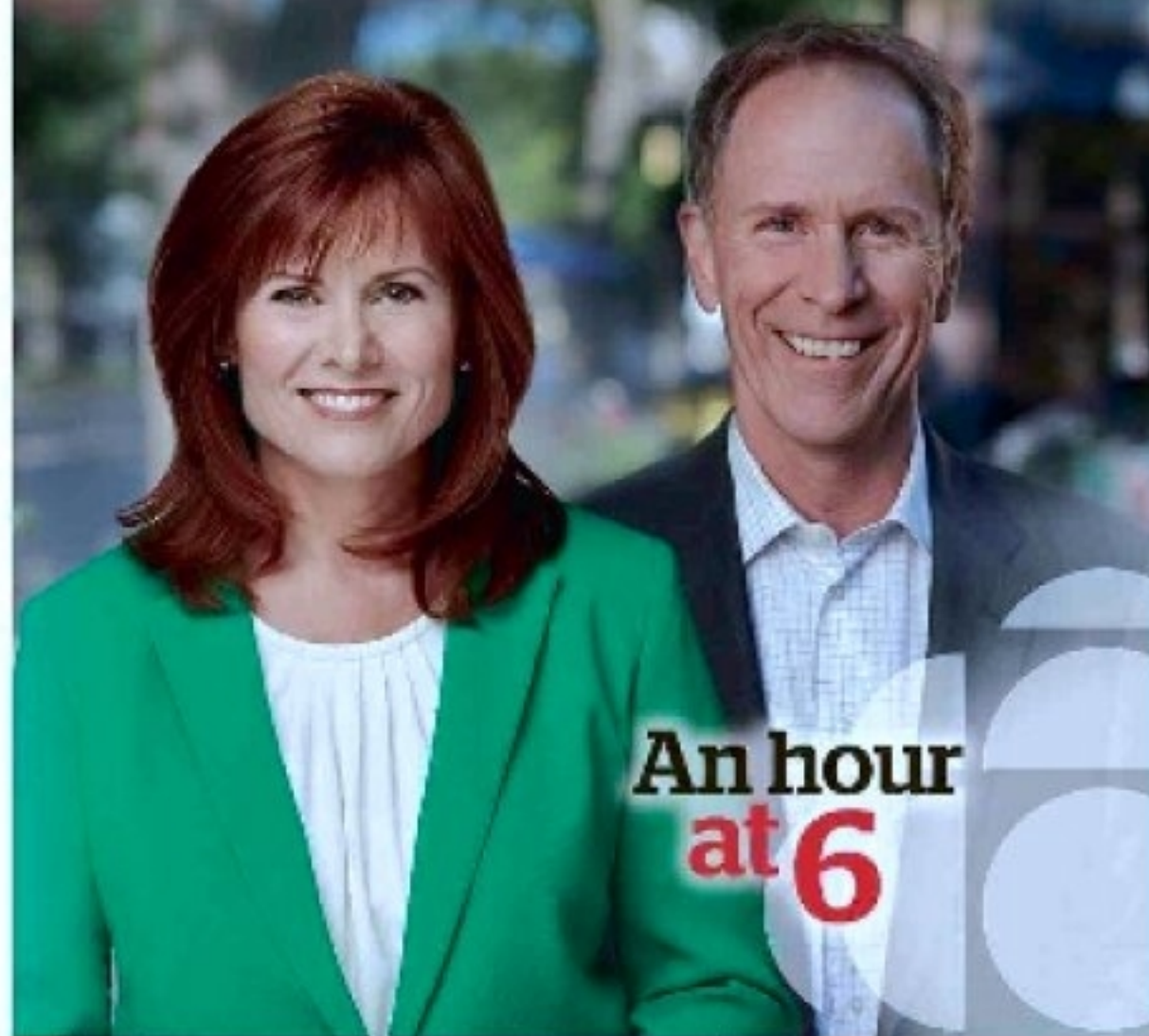


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# Driver assaults going unreported

TRANSIT

## Union says it happens out of fear of being blamed



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Hundreds of assaults against Winnipeg Transit operators go unreported each year out of fear drivers will be blamed for the incident, says a union president.

John Callahan of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505 says he knew, anecdotally, that a lot of operators do not report assaults, but had no idea just how many until the union began surveying its members.

"There's hundreds of assaults that go unreported," he said in a recent interview.

He said one of the main reasons is members are worried that a report will be "turned around on them and they end up getting disciplined," by transit managers.

"Like, 'You didn't follow policy', 'You didn't do this' or 'You didn't do that' or 'You should have de-escalated the situation,'" Callahan explained.

"(They) end up getting violated again."

According to statistics provided by the City of Winnipeg, there have been only two reported assaults against bus operators from the start of this year to March 16, 2017. That differs from the near-daily instances of violence Callahan says drivers experience

at the hands of passengers, which ranges from being spat on, to yelled at, verbally harassed, or attacked.

This past weekend alone, he said one female driver was spat on and slapped across the face with a newspaper by an intoxicated passenger. Another passenger threatened to kill a different bus driver and the other people on board.

Callahan said four security-related incidents also took place during the first weekend in March.

That weekend, police reported that a man who brought brass knuckles and an axe onto a bus had to be disarmed by other passengers.

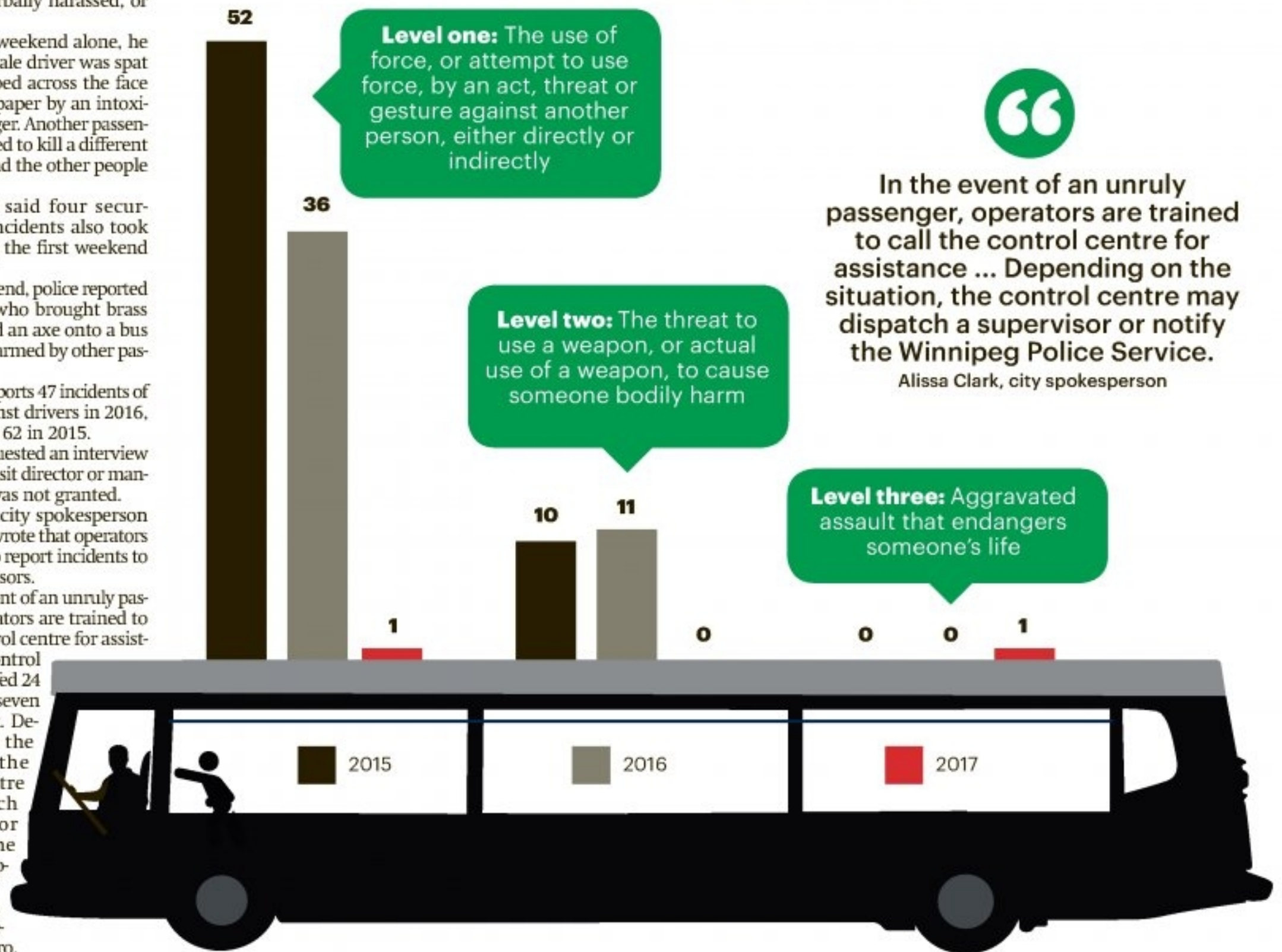
The city reports 47 incidents of assaults against drivers in 2016, compared to 62 in 2015.

Metro requested an interview with the transit director or manager, but it was not granted.

However, city spokesperson Alissa Clark wrote that operators are trained to report incidents to their supervisors.

"In the event of an unruly passenger, operators are trained to call the control centre for assistance. The control centre is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Depending on the situation, the control centre may dispatch a supervisor or notify the Winnipeg Police Service," she wrote in an email statement to Metro.

Number of transit operators assaulted



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Cal Dueck surveys what's left of the oak trees he was able to save at the Parker Lands in Winnipeg Man. Tuesday. Dueck is one of a handful of Winnipeggers who continues to oppose rapid transit development intersecting the natural wetlands and forest. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

## INFRASTRUCTURE

## Underpass to cost city extra \$500K



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Winnipeg

The City of Winnipeg has to spend half a million dollars to buy land the public service says is critical to keeping the construction of the \$155-million Waverley underpass project on time and on budget.

In an in-camera meeting last week, the city's planning, property and development committee approved a request to spend \$509,080 to buy a 12,600 square-foot parcel of land off Waverley Street — a purchase the city wasn't expecting.

The details of this expenditure are outlined in a report obtained by Metro, authored by John Zabudney, the city's manager of real estate.

In February 2016, council approved a plan to replace a busy railway crossing at the intersection of Waverley Street and Taylor Avenue with an underpass by the end of 2019. Zabudney says in order to build an underpass, the city has to acquire the land.

And unlike with private property owners whose lands can be expropriated, CN Rail is exempt from that power, meaning a separate agreement had to be inked.

The report says the city needs CN land to build a temporary rail line so train traffic can be detoured during construction, and to relocate a buried Manitoba Hydro and watermain feeder.

Acquisition of the company's land was approved by council last December when a crossing agreement with CN was reached.

"Failure to obtain the land would mean that the rail line detour construction would not be completed in the 2017 summer construction season," he writes.

Without having the land readily available, the entire project would be pushed back a year, Zabudney writes.

"A delay could also result in a project inflationary cost of \$7.5 million per annum and require extensions from both the federal and provincial governments of funding associated with the project."

# Spared trees in Parker Lands a 'small victory'

## PARKER LANDS

## Advocate says his 'heart sank' to see most of forest cut down



**Braeden Jones**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Cal Dueck has been trying to save the forest on the Parker Lands from destruction for so long, it shouldn't have come as a surprise when a "wide swath of trees" was "mowed down," but it did.

"I noticed Saturday, just all of a sudden they were missing," said Dueck, chairperson of the Parker Wetlands conservation committee. "My heart sank."

Dueck is one of a handful of

Winnipeggers who continues to oppose rapid transit development intersecting the natural wetlands and forest strip along Parker Avenue between Pembina Highway and Waverley Street.

After a quiet winter, Dueck was caught off guard by "sudden" deforestation on the weekend.

He was out for a walk when he heard a tractor Saturday and rushed over, "confronted the driver, and said 'this is way too much.'"

"He stopped, called some people... got everyone out there," Dueck said.

Among those responding to the impassioned resident's plea to stop what he regarded as "just trashing the whole forest," was area Coun. John Orlikow.

He conceded that it can be a "horrific sight when the mulchers (sic) go into a forested area,"

but the city and its contractors, including PCL, are "always going to try to save as many trees as we can."

Dueck said both that sentiment and the city policy to plant new trees elsewhere to replace those lost means little when the trees being removed "aren't being harvested properly."

"They could have been used

ways, but he's "not sure how feasible that would have been to go in and cut it down."

But still, Dueck intervening when he did had some influence on the project.

"We got them to put a hold on about 10-15 mature oak trees on the front of the property and they're going to look at some re-engineering, if needed, to see

a half dozen more at least if I had only been there sooner."

"It's frustrating we have to fight for every single little thing," he said.

He's hoping to bring more attention to the impact of the development in the area with a rally he's planning for some time in April, like on Earth Day April 22.

"We want to get people together to continue the push to get the council more interested in the forest," he said, noting some of the century-old trees should warrant "heritage site" designation, which he feels could save more from being removed.

"It's one of the only remaining wetlands and natural aspen forests left in the city... still the largest green space left," he said. "To destroy that is unacceptable in 2017... completely unacceptable."



**It's frustrating we have to fight for every single little thing.**

Cal Dueck

for all kinds of interesting lumber work, that kind of thing, but it was all just shredded and chopped into the ground... it will all be hauled away to some landfill," he said.

Orlikow said he knows Dueck would have liked to have seen more of the mature oak trees harvested or removed other

if we can't get the bike trail to go around those trees," Orlikow said, adding that in his vision for a butterfly reserve and walking trail in the area, maintaining "the green element as much as we can" remains a priority.

Dueck called saving the trees a "small victory," but he lamented he "could have saved maybe



Winnipeg Jets' Blake Wheeler (26) carries the puck into the Minnesota Wild zone during second period NHL hockey action on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL

## Classic Jets jerseys won't be worn next season

For the second time in some fan's lives, the classic Winnipeg Jets logo has been worn in front of a home crowd for what could be the last time.

Despite widespread popularity, the white Winnipeg Jets uniforms with the old WHA Jets logo that were unveiled for the Heritage Classic made their final planned appearance Sunday.

Jets spokesperson Scott Brown confirmed that the "special event uniform" — often called a third jersey — could be worn just twice outside of its debut at the Oct. 23 outdoor game against Edmonton.

The Jets burned their two bonus third-jersey games when they wore the heritage threads on Jan. 9 against Calgary, and

on Sunday, March 19 against Minnesota — both wins.

Unfortunately for anyone who liked the look on the ice, the NHL is changing its jersey manufacturer for all teams next season, and the new supplier, Adidas, won't support third jerseys.

"The Heritage jerseys, however, will continue to be available for sale at Jets Gear locations

next season for fans that would like to purchase them," Brown said, noting the heritage logo will also be featured on new merchandise "next season and beyond."

"As far as third jerseys down the line or in other seasons (beyond 2017-18), that has not been determined at this point."

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# Campaign to name roads you love to hate kicks off

## CAA CAMPAIGN

**Winnipeggers invited to pick street in dire need of repair**



**Braeden Jones**  
Metro | Winnipeg

A residential street in Grant Park tells the story all Winnipeggers know too well: One stretch of road might be smooth, but its crumbling, pothole ridden opposite is never far.

That's the "tale of two roads" CAA Manitoba president Mike Mager wanted to tell when he launched the 2017 edition of the annual CAA Worst Roads campaign from Hector Avenue, Tuesday.

"Residents around here told us this road has been in horrible condition for 10 years or more, despite dozens of calls to their city councillors each year," Mager said adding that a block away its deplorable state was interrupted with a fresh even surface.

"Unfortunately, there are hundreds of residential streets around Winnipeg exactly like this one."

Mager said a "new focus at city hall" has helped limit the number of roads in Winnipeg that are unacceptable,



**“Unfortunately, there are hundreds of residential streets around Winnipeg exactly like this one”**

Mike Mager

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman and CAA Manitoba President Mike Mager launched the 2017 CAA Manitoba Worst Roads campaign on the pothole-pockmarked Hector Avenue on Tuesday. METRO

and "we've seen fewer roads (in Winnipeg) rank in our Top 10 annual list," but there's still "more work to do."

That's why he's again calling on Winnipeggers and Manitobans to vote in the sixth annual worst roads campaign, and identify the roads in the most dire need of repair.

Nominations for the worst road can be made until April

17, and will allow Manitobans to specify the infrastructure issue they want to see rectified.

Since the campaign first launched, it's had some success in lobbying governments to pay attention to certain roads.

In 2013, for example, Victoria Avenue in Brandon was voted as the No. 1 worst road, and then-premier Greg Selinger fast-tracked its repair.

Total reconstruction took place in 2014.

As well, Winnipeg roads nearly filled the Top 10 worst road ranking for the first few years, but amidst record road spending the city has been shut out of the Top 5.

Mayor Brian Bowman said Tuesday that's because Winnipeggers "have continually told me that their number one priority is fixing the roads."

"We hear them," he said. "I drive on the roads as well, and I know we have a lot of work to do ... that's why we have been

investing record amounts into road renewal."

He said approximately 380 km of roadway has been repaired over the past two construction seasons.

In recognition of that work, CAA and the city are inviting Winnipeggers to nominate a "most improved road" for the first time this year.

Mager said the campaign might seem "like it's about complaining," but he wants it to be about celebrating the improvements it helps yield by allowing voters to select roads that have turned a corner, so to speak, since appearing on the worst roads list.

Bowman said there are 150 road and sidewalk projects planned for summer 2017, totalling about 130 km of improvements, in addition to "24/7" pothole filling efforts.

To help Winnipeggers circumvent that work on their commutes, he recommended they download the Waze traffic app to "navigate it as best as possible," and, new this year, flag potholes for repair.

"You can be a part of the solution in helping fix what we know is going to be a challenging pothole season ahead of us," Bowman said.

As for the residents of Hector Avenue?

"(They) don't have to wait any longer," Mager said, noting construction crews would be renewing their home street this summer.

## LABOUR

# Police contract talks stall

Winnipeg's police union is unsatisfied with a contract negotiation process its president said has been "micromanaged" by the mayor's office, and is seeking arbitration to settle a dispute over salary increases.

"We're willing and ready to sit down and have meaningful conversations about the contract, but we think (Mayor Brian Bowman) is interfering a little bit too much, and the city is not adhering to the principles we've seen in the past" said Winnipeg Police Association (WPA) President Moe Sabourin.

He explained how past contracts, whether negotiated or arbitrated, have always adhered to "long established" principles, including mutually agreed-upon comparatives that often dictate wage increases. "The City appears to be ignoring that and came in at a very bargain basement offer," Sabourin said. "We still maintain that we deserve a fair and reasonable compensation for the dangerous work our members do."

Last Friday, the WPA presented what it felt was a reasonable offer "right within that framework" that informed past contracts, using the latest Edmonton and Calgary police contracts and remuneration.

A statement from the mayor's office explains, "the 2017 budget increased funding for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) at a level consistent with the WPS Strategic Plan," noting police funding has increased 80 per cent in the past decade.

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# 'Mannequin house' owner ready to call time on displays

## COMMUNITY

### Dolls in St. Vital windows will vanish this summer



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski  
For Metro|Winnipeg

The owner of St. Vital's semi-famous "mannequin house" is planning to move this summer, bringing with him 21 dolls who have simultaneously entertained and confused passersby.

Wayne Fehr said he's had the mannequins displayed in his front windows at 23 Parkville Dr. for the last two years.

The project began as a way to cheer up a few friends and has morphed into a bonafide "tourist attraction," the 51-year-old contractor has been told.

"It's made a lot of people smile and laugh. I have people coming into my front yard at all hours of the day and night," Fehr said in an interview at his home Tuesday.

His house, located on the corner of Dunkirk and Parkville, is in a high-traffic area where cars and pedestrians can often be seen slowing down to stare.

Fehr said he's seen drivers nearly get into accidents while gawking at the dolls, one un-



"Mannequin house" owner Wayne Fehr plans to sell off many of his dolls before moving. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

lucky driver winding up in the bushes near the Dollarama across the street.

"I've got so many stories. It's just insane how many people have come around and I'm still at 99 per cent good feedback," he said. "I've met people who went 'Holy crap, I was so freaked out by this place!

What are you, some kind of nut, freak job?' And you know what? I am in a way. All people who are great and artistic have their craziness, and maybe this is my craziness."

Fehr dresses up the dolls for the holidays, adding dashes of red and green for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. For

Halloween, the mannequins were made up as Marvel superheroes.

His neighbours have been mostly supportive, Fehr said, except for one woman who called the police shortly after he installed the dolls because she didn't like them. Officers came by and were amused,

but didn't charge him with anything, he said.

Two neighbours Metro spoke

to said they were confused by the dolls.

"It doesn't bother me at all, but I just don't understand," said Paul Paradis. "I never quite figured out what that was all about."

Still, the absence of Fehr and his dolls will be felt in St. Vital, at least by one neighbour who sent them a Christmas card last year addressed "To the lovely window ladies."

"Thank you for doing this. You put a smile on my face every day when I walk by your house," Fehr recalled the card saying.

Fehr plans to move back to the country or the outskirts of Winnipeg, where he's from, and will likely sell most of the dolls before then.

"My saying is, 'Love people, not things. Use things, not people,'" he said, pointing to the same slogan tattooed on his forearm.

"Yeah, I've gone a little bit farther than I wanted to with it," he said, laughing about the dolls.

"That's kind of the whole thing. Come in, laugh and joke, lighten up, loosen the load a bit, you know?"

"You've got to take life seriously, but to a point."



All people who are great and artistic have their craziness, and maybe this is my craziness.

Wayne Fehr



Clockwise from left: Thiessen, Buchanan and Collis have been selected for the Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibit.



## ART

### Trio of artists selected for tour



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski  
For Metro|Winnipeg

The lucky trio of artists touring the country this summer as part of a roving Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibit were announced Tuesday.

Winnipeg's Evin Collis and Becky Thiessen, along with Jessie Buchanan from Guelph, Ont., were chosen for ART EXPRESS'D. They will set out from Canada's three coasts, headed toward the heart of the continent on June 9.

Each artist will accompany a six-metre shipping container filled with art supplies on the way to Winnipeg via train, truck and ship. They'll stop in every province and work with community members to make some collaborative masterpieces.

ART EXPRESS'D was among 38 initiatives chosen by the fed-

eral government as part of its signature projects celebrating the country's 150th anniversary.

It was the only idea by a major Canadian gallery that was granted approval, said project manager Stasa Veroukis-Regina.

"We can't physically pick up the art gallery and bring it across the country, but this is sort of like the next best thing," she said.

Thiessen, who will be travelling from the west coast to Winnipeg, said she's excited to focus solely on one major project for the whole summer.

The Point Douglas-based art teacher said she'd be bringing roofing paper on the road, encouraging those she meets to make stencils that can be reused.

"So everyone will design something that's important to them, whether it's about their identity, their culture, their lan-

guage, their animals," Thiessen explained.

"The great thing about stencils is that you can share them along the way. And so other people will be attracted to (the work) and want to see what someone else has done."

Another shipping container will also be set up at The Forks this summer for Winnipeggers who want to participate, Veroukis-Regina said.

## + NATION-WIDE

The ART EXPRESS'D national art gallery tour kicks off on June 9. The artists involved will work with community members in each city they visit to collaborate on original projects.





**Jaime Black** is the Winnipeg-based Metis artist behind the art installation on Philosopher's Walk in the University of Toronto showing red dresses hanging from trees. The project highlights the plight of murdered Indigenous women in Canada. METRO

# Artist addresses a national problem

HUMAN RIGHTS

## From Winnipeg to Toronto: reminders of Indigenous women



**Sarah-Joyce Battersby**  
Metro | Toronto

Dangling in the breeze, red dresses hang empty in downtown Toronto as a stark reminder of the over 1,200 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women in this country.

The dresses, almost 120 of them, adorn trees and perches at six spots on the University of Toronto's St. George campus, including Philosopher's Walk, Hart House Circle and outside First Nations House.

Winnipeg-based Metis artist Jaime Black hung the garments last week as part of the most recent iteration of her ongoing

REDress Project. It's the first time Black has mounted the work in Toronto, and the largest showing in the project's history.

The dresses first appeared in 2010 on the University of Winnipeg campus and have since graced the halls of the Human Rights Museum and a memorial for slain Winnipeg girl Tina Fontaine.

But it's spaces like the open urban campus that Black prefers. "(It creates) space to speak about what Indigenous women are facing in a really public forum," she told Metro.

The conversations sparked by the striking sight are the first step for a society trying to reconcile its colonial history, Black said, pointing out that though strides have been made, Indigenous women still face a disproportionate rate of violence.

The installation, in place until Friday, comes just weeks before Canada's murdered and missing Indigenous women inquiry begins hearing from victims' families.

The Globe and Mail revealed Monday that just 90 names are in its database, despite the RCMP identifying nearly 1,200 in a 2014 report. That means Black has hung more dresses than are on the national inquiry's list. Still, she remains

optimistic, citing grassroots movements fighting to reclaim land and push back against injustice.

"This could be a year where resistance and resilience and

the strength of the people is going to come into the forefront of the conversation," she said. "People's voices are going to be heard in an unprecedented way."



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Jaime Black

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PORTAGE AND MAIN

## Mayor's office decries his 'lack of vision' on reopening



**Stephanie Taylor**  
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Jeff Browaty is demanding the City of Winnipeg release a study outlining the options to reopen Portage and Main to pedestrians.

The North Kildonan councillor, who is opposed to tearing down the barricades at the intersection, held a brief press conference at the corner on Tuesday.

Last March, the city hired Dillon Consulting Limited for \$116,000 to study how pedestrian traffic could be reintroduced to the intersection, which has been blocked off to those on foot since the '70s.



The study was due to wrap up by August 2016, but the city has yet to release the findings. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

The study was due to wrap up by August 2016, but the city has yet to release the findings publicly or discuss any cost estimates.

Browaty said he asked chief administrative officer Doug McNeil for the report but was denied.

Then, he says, he took the "unprecedented" step of trying to obtain the report through freedom-of-information legislation.

He says the city denied the release, citing a provision that they will release the information publicly by April 19.

"It's time that this report comes out in public in the name of openness and transparency, and today I'm calling on Mayor Bowman to join me in asking the city administration for release of the report."

Afterward, the mayor's office released a statement that the traffic study would be included in an upcoming administrative report on the issue.

"(Browaty's) lack of vision and opposition to increasing both accessibility and connectivity of the intersection is well known, and his desire to treat property owners at Winnipeg's most iconic intersection as second-class citizens is disappointing," it read.



**It's time that this report comes out in public.**

Coun. Jeff Browaty

## ELECTIONS

## Critics say ad rules would favour Tories

The next provincial election in Manitoba could look very different under proposed rules that critics say would limit voting by the poor, silence detractors and allow political parties — notably the governing Progressive Conservatives — to raise and spend more money.

The government on Monday introduced several changes it would like to see in election laws.

One would tighten restrictions on third-party advertising. Currently, unions, business and interest groups are not subject to advertising limits during election campaigns if their ads avoid targeting a specific candidate or party.

A bill now before the legislature would extend the restriction to any ads that took a position associated with any party or candidate. It would also cover a longer period — 120 days prior to the election.

The Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union

said Tuesday the bill seems aimed at silencing government critics.

"It appears that the governing party is trying to muzzle voices that it doesn't agree with," union president Michelle Gawronsky said.

"We understand the need for reasonable limits on advertising during the campaign period, but it's hard to justify strict limits on issue-based advertising outside the campaign period."

Royce Koop, who teaches political studies at the University of Manitoba, said unions would

feel the brunt of the change because they run a lot of advertising in the lead-up to elections. In 2011, some unions ran television ads that touched on privatization concerns raised by the NDP but

without naming any political party.

"Unions are probably the most important third-party actors in this province," Koop said.

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# Trump, tighter rules behind refugee surge

## IMMIGRATION

### Experts say xenophobic policies pushes many north

There were four times more asylum claimants arriving at land border crossings than at airports in the first two months of 2017, new Canadian data shows.

In January and February, a total of 525 air travellers — 400 in Ontario, 90 in Quebec, 35 in British Columbia and nine in Alberta — sought asylum upon arrival at airports, said the Canada Border Services Agency.

By contrast, 2,145 people crossed at official land border ports of entry and made refugee claims during the same period, including 1,085 in Quebec, 905 in Ontario, 80 in Manitoba, and 35 each in Alberta and British

Columbia.

In addition to the migrants who made it through the border either legally or illegally and later filed what are known as "inland" claims, Canada received claims from a total of 5,520 refugees in the two months — a 48 per cent increase from the same period a year ago. The numbers of claimants arriving at land border crossings and airports for the same period of 2016 were not immediately available.

Given Canada's geographical isolation and the popularity of the U.S. as a destination for migrants, experts say, Ottawa historically received more refugees by air than at land borders.

Experts say the sudden rise can be attributed to the xenophobic policies of Donald Trump's administration as well as Canada's implementation of the new electronic travel authorization that applies also to visa-exempt air passengers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



An asylum claimant and her daughters cross the border into Quebec from the United States earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## GOVERNMENT

### Advocates applaud report on violence



Ryan Tumilty  
Metro | Ottawa

Advocates are applauding a parliamentary report aimed at reducing domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tabled Monday by the House committee on the Status of Women, the report calls for better training for police and judges, better data on the issue and more assault centres on university campuses.

In all, it contains 45 recommendations — the committee looked at the issue on university campuses, on the internet and in the justice system.

Pam Damoff, Liberal MP for Oakville North-Burlington and vice-chair of the committee, said

sexual violence is a major issue with a lot of problems to solve.

"It was a huge study, each one of these topics could have warranted a study on its own," she said.

The committee recommended better data collection, including having Statistics Canada collect



**Each one of these topics could have warranted a study on its own.**

Pam Damoff

information on sex-assault complaints that police deem unfounded for lack of evidence.

The agency stopped collecting such data from police after raising concerns

that officers were not using the category accurately. Erin Leigh, executive director of the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence against Women, said that's an important step, but the government has to ensure that officers are not just entering the data correctly but also treating victims right.

### System shifting more toward migrant workers

One out of five foreign workers becomes permanent residents, twice the rate from two decades ago, says a groundbreaking study that examines an immigration system increasingly geared toward temporary migrants.

Only nine per cent of temporary foreign workers who came in the mid-1990s successfully obtained permanent

resident status, while some 21 per cent of them did by the end of 2014, according to the new Statistics Canada report.

It was the first study ever that examined Canada's national policies around attracting and retaining temporary foreign workers as immigrants.

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## ST. CATHARINES

### Man accused of killing his stepson captured

Justin Kuijer, who is accused of killing his seven-year-old stepson in St. Catharines, Ont., has been arrested in northern Ontario after tip from public, police say.

Niagara police Chief Jeff

McGuire says Kuijer was arrested in Kenora, Ont., by provincial police. Police allege Kuijer attacked Nathan Dumas on Friday, causing injuries that led to his death the next day. They allege Kuijer also stabbed an RBC employee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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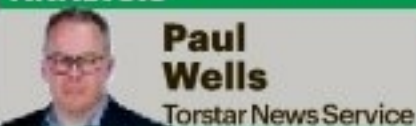
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# Few Liberal measures for the middle class have done much for the middle class.

It would be nice if Wednesday's budget offered some real change for Canadians

## ANALYSIS



**Paul Wells**  
Torstar News Service

Wednesday's budget will be about the middle class and innovation. Maybe it'll even be helpful! That would be nice. Unfortunately, the Trudeau government's handling of both files so far has left them in something close to a shambles.

I wrote after Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos gave a presentation about 'The State of the Middle Class.' I was probably too kind.

When a tenured academic turned senior

cabinet minister delivers a presentation on the middle class that (a) never defines the term "middle class"; (b) never depicts the effects of the government's actions to date on the plight of the middle class, however you want to define it; (c) offers no hint about future efforts to help the middle class — well, that's a fiasco.

The Liberals used to promise that Canadians would be able to track their own progress, using large numbers of publicly available indicators, on marvellous websites that would be part of a governing philosophy called "deliverology." These days, we get Duclos telling us how polls say we feel.

But let no one criticize any Liberal emphasis on feelings. Bloomberg put the question to Bill Morneau, the finance minister, this week, and he was staunch in defending a politics of mood.

"We look at what's gone on around the world" (translator's note: this is every western politician's preferred euphemism for the election of Donald Trump) "is there anybody who questions that we should be focused on how people feel?" Morneau asked. "What are the outcomes if we don't? So I think we're going to stay on that message."

OK then. I feel worried when I read Duclos's former colleague, the Université Laval economist Stephen

Gordon, pointing out in the National Post what the NDP has been saying all along: that few Liberal measures for the middle class have done much for the middle class. Take what Justin Trudeau likes to call his "middle-class tax cut." Says Gordon: "The tax cut for the median tax filer — someone reporting total income somewhere around \$45,000 — is either negligible or non-existent." But if you make triple that income, you get the maximum tax benefit.

I feel like maybe we should move on to innovation. This government is the first with a minister for innovation! He's Navdeep Bains. He frequently posts photos of his meetings on Twitter, with the hashtag

"#innovation."

A year and a half after he became the minister for #innovation, it's not clear what Bains's plans are. It's pretty clear that within the government he has less than complete control over #innovation.

Whatever Bains proposes, it will have company. Kevin Page, the former Parliamentary Budget Officer who now runs a policy shop at the University of Ottawa, found that there are already 147 programs and tax credits, worth a combined \$22.6 billion, designed to spur #innovation. That's right now. Today. Already. The accumulated detritus of every former government.

## OTTAWA

### Things to look for in budget

The Trudeau government will table the second budget of its mandate Wednesday. Here are three things to look for:

#### 1. Will Ottawa re-introduce a contingency reserve?

With so many unknowns tied to potential policy moves in the U.S. on taxes and trade, some economists predict the government will re-introduce a contingency reserve to provide a cushion for Canada's books.

#### 2. What will be the scope of the tax-expenditure review?

Sources say the review process is ongoing, meaning the budget will not include the full range of tax changes. However, it is expected to contain at least a few smaller tax adjustments.

#### 3. How will the budget address gender gaps?

Morneau has promised to run his budget through a gender-based analysis. This year's analysis is expected to examine how some big budget themes will affect genders.

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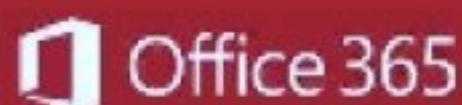
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# Laptop computer ban questioned

AIR TRAVEL

## Reasons for latest change will likely never be public

You can thank Richard Reid, a.k.a. the failed "shoe bomber," every time you remove your footwear at airport security checks. The "underwear bomber" is why you have to rub your pants and get your palms swabbed for explosive residue. Limited liquid? A failed 2006 transatlantic aircraft plot.

But passengers, irate passengers, who will soon be barred from bringing laptops on their lengthy flights to the U.S. or U.K., will probably not be given a simple answer as to why. Flights to Canada may also soon be affected.

News of the surprise travel restriction began spreading Monday night and came into effect in the U.S. early Tuesday. Passengers travelling direct from eight mainly Middle Eastern countries to the U.S. will be forbidden from carrying on electronics larger than a cellphone. Airlines were told they have 96 hours to comply. By Tuesday afternoon, Britain said they were implementing similar restrictions on six countries in North Africa and



U.S. and British governments are barring passengers on some flights from Middle Eastern and North African countries from bringing laptops and other devices in carry-ons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Middle East.

Federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau also said Tuesday that Canada may follow the lead of the U.S. and Britain in relation to unspecified security threats.

According to U.S. reports, the new measure is not based on any specific threat or being implemented as one of the re-

active security measures that have become common in the past 15 years after failed attacks.

Which leaves many to ask not only why but what are the actual security benefits?

"We don't know what the cause is. We don't know what the reason is. We don't know what is going on," said Bruce

Schneier, a security technologist and fellow at Berkman Center.

As the story spread, so did the skepticism. A New York Times report Tuesday stated that the new measure "was not based on any specific or credible threat of an imminent attack."

The TSA statement was vague, saying that the measure was

based on "evaluated intelligence."

Clint Watts, a former FBI agent and fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, said the measures prompt many questions if based on new information: Is the U.S. more concerned about manually detonated devices; do they believe

## IN CANADA

**If Ottawa does not issue a similar ban,** Canadian airports are bound to get busier as passengers decide to bypass the hassle of U.S. travel. Emirates Airlines and Turkish and EgyptAir, among other airlines have frequent direct flights to Canadian cities.

the affected airports cannot adequately detect explosives; are laptop explosives in cargo holds insufficient for bringing down aircraft?

The only known attack using a laptop occurred over a year ago in Mogadishu. The East African Al Qaeda affiliate, Al Shabab, claimed responsibility for the bomb on board a Daallo Airlines flight, which blew a hole in the fuselage, sucking out the suspected bomber. The passenger jet was forced to make an emergency landing, but none of the other passengers were injured.

"I don't understand the impetus behind doing this right now," Watts. "Maybe it's justified, but beyond the bomb on the Somali flight, why now if there is no credible intelligence?"

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FINANCES

# Wealthy Americans asking to pay more to the government



George Soros THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some of the wealthiest New Yorkers are asking the state to raise their taxes.

Eighty people including George Soros, Steven Rockefeller and Abigail Disney wrote to lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo saying they and other top earners should pay more to support schools, roads, bridges and programs to help poor and homeless residents of the state.

"Now is the time to invest

in the long-term economic viability of New York," the letter reads. "We need to invest in pathways out of poverty and up the economic ladder for all of our fellow citizens, including strong public education from pre-K to college. And, we need to invest in the fragile bridges, tunnels, waterlines, public buildings, and roads that we all depend on."

The letter, a copy of which was obtained by the Associ-

ated Press, endorses a plan that would create new, higher income tax brackets for top earners to raise a projected \$2 billion.

Many of those signing the letter are millionaires and all make more than \$650,000, making them members of the state's top 1 per cent when it comes to income.

The proposal is being pushed by the Fiscal Policy Institute, a liberal-leaning eco-

nomie think-tank.

Ron Deutsch, the Fiscal Policy Institute's executive director, said it was "refreshing" that so many of the state's richest residents are willing to contribute more.

Their proposal faces significant political obstacles in the state Legislature. While the Democratic majority in the Assembly has its own plan to increase taxes on millionaires, the Republican-led Senate op-

poses the idea. Lawmakers are now negotiating the details of the state budget and hope to have a deal in place by April 1.

"They support higher taxes on themselves so the state can fund our glaring human and physical infrastructure needs and have adequate revenue in place to handle pending federal cuts," he said.

A similar letter last year was largely ignored by lawmakers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sea turtle pays for rich diet with his life

Tourists used to toss coins at a green sea turtle that lived in a pond in eastern Thailand, wishing for luck and longevity. But swallowing the shiny tidbits turned out to be a death sentence for the reptile.

After having nearly a thousand coins removed from its stomach in a four-hour operation two weeks ago, the turtle - nicknamed "Omsin," or "Piggy Bank," - died Tuesday.

Omsin, estimated to be 25 years old, had been rescued by Thai navy personnel who saw her visibly ailing in the



Swallowing thousands of coins turned out to mean death for Piggy Bank the sea turtle. GETTY IMAGES

seaside town of Sattahip. She was then examined by a veterinarian, who found the coins

inside her stomach.

The story attracted international media attention,

and a public clamour to ease Omsin's plight ensued. The weight of the money inside her had cracked her underside shell and threatened a fatal infection.

The cause of death was intestinal obstruction that blocked Omsin's protein intake, while nickel toxicity from the coins damaged her immune system, said Dr. Roongroj Thanawongnuwech, dean of the veterinary school at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

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## GLOBAL DIGEST

### Bumblebee joins endangered species

The rusty patched bumblebee on Tuesday became the first officially endangered bee species in the continental U.S. Its listing as an endangered species means the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will devise a plan for returning the imperiled bee to "a healthy and secure condition," the U.S. Department of Interior said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### L.A. expands protections

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti expanded protections for immigrants who are in the United States illegally, emphasizing the city's refusal to help enforce the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. An executive directive asks officials to follow the Police Department's longtime policy of not investigating individuals to determine their immigration status. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





## JESSICA ALLEN ON CONSPIRACY THEORIES



**'I obviously don't believe in conspiracy theories — OK, except for this one really awesome one.'**

Here is a truncated list of things that, if you believe them, will make me take you less seriously: the Earth is flat, vaccinations are part of a government plot, and Barack Obama wire-tapped Trump Tower.

Conspiracy theories conform to fit different personal ideologies: look at the permutations of 9/11 theories, ranging from anti-Semitic to anti-New World Order down to versions that confirm people's desires to live in a world where Nostradamus was right about everything.

We're predisposed to believe what we want to believe; only in the past, you had to work to confirm those beliefs — like reading all 888 pages of the Warren Report. Now, you just have to search, click, and watch.

Except for me, because I obviously don't believe in conspiracy theories — OK, except for this one really awesome one: Donald Trump is in cahoots with a Russian oligarch who goes by the nickname "the fertilizer king."

Dmitry Rybolovlev, who made his billions selling potash, was tied up in the most expensive divorce in modern history, bought a house from Will Smith, the Greek island where Jackie Onassis wed Aristotle, and an estate in Palm Beach, Florida — from Trump.

I know all of this because I've fallen down a Rybolovlev rabbit hole, for which I blame Rachel Maddow. The MSNBC host has been trying to connect the dots between



So Shaq is pretty sure the Earth is flat. Who among us can resist a juicy conspiracy theory? asks Jessica Allen. **AP**

Trump, Rybolovlev, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross.

Long story short, as told by Maddow: Trump sold the Palm Beach mansion to the Russian for \$50 million (U.S.) more than he'd paid for it just four years earlier. The sale came as Rybolovlev was embroiled in big bucks divorce proceedings, and Trump owed millions to Deutsche Bank, which was fined for money laundering some \$10 billion dollars, some of which belonged to Putin family members. When the CEO of Deutsche bank stepped down post scandal, he went to the Bank of Cyprus. Guess who once owned a stake in the Bank of Cyprus? Rybolovlev. Guess who was once vice chairman of the Bank of Cyprus? Wilbur Ross.

Boom!

But this line of logic led Sonny Bunch in a Washington Post column to compare Maddow to the Oliver Stone character X, played by Kiefer Sutherland, in 1991 film JFK. "This is how conspiracy theorists operate," he said. "Bury your opponent in an

avalanche of facts and suggest there's some secret connecting them all together, a Rosetta Stone you're on the verge of deciphering."

If Maddow is X, then I am the cartoonist, played by Jake Gyllenhaal in David Fincher's 2007 thriller Zodiac, who became an amateur detective trying to crack one of the most notorious serial killer cases ever. I spent all of Sunday drawing diagrams and pie charts trying to piece this Russian doll of a puzzle together. Simon watched me, his partner of 13 years who will smugly cite a study in polite conversation on how those who believe in conspiracies are more likely to score lower in intelligence tests, and asked: *Who are you?*

I don't know, but I feel pretty confident that I'm becoming my worst nightmare. And I can't stop.

I won't stop — because there are reports that Rybolovlev's private plane has landed at the same time and place as Trump's on at least four occasions (Thanks, crooksandliars.com. Also, why am I reading crooksandliars.com?) What if this Russia-Trump

FBI dossier legitimately connects the dots because the truth is out there? What if the dots pinpoint Trump as the Zodiac killer? What if Shaquille O'Neal is right and the Earth really is flat?

Even though the mansion Trump sold Rybolovlev is called "The House of Friendship," which even Oliver Stone couldn't make up, Rachel Maddow and I need to tread carefully.

We are living in a world that doesn't make sense. Maybe every age says this, but ours has actually been dubbed the "post truth age."

Jonathan Vance, a University of Western Ontario history professor who specializes in panic and paranoia, theorized to the Canadian Press that "we think that our society is so developed that bad things shouldn't happen." So when they do occur — even organically — we seek scapegoats.

"Conspiracy absolves us of responsibility and it absolves us of the fickle hand of fate," he told the news agency.

There is a glimmer of hope, though, that society is taking up its responsibility. And it comes from an unlikely place: Trump. In his war on the mainstream media, he has, in an ironic twist, boosted the subscription numbers of the "failing" New York Times.

That a man who has successfully twisted a term once used to describe actual fake news and made it a catch-all sobriquet for institutional journalism might inadvertently be the saviour of newspapers in America is almost enough to make you believe anything.

Cue conspiracy.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

## VICKY MOCHAMA

### Budget should support private refugee sponsors

The decades-old private sponsorship program is unique in both form and tradition.

But without sufficient money and resources, the agency that manages it is struggling with a backlog of potential sponsors, and leaving Canada in danger of breaking its global promise.

As the federal budget comes down in Ottawa, this should be a top priority.

The global migrant crisis is, with or without our help, finding a way into our country.

While the right and humane thing is for Canada to match rhetoric with policy, there is one more reason to spend the money to clear the backlog: private sponsorship works.

Speaking in front of the Commons immigration committee Monday, Minister Ahmed Hussen said 53 per cent of privately-sponsored refugees had found full-time employment. For government-sponsored refugees that number is 10 per cent, he said.

Supported by the community around them, refugees are finding jobs faster than those assisted mostly by bureaucrats and agencies. The private sponsorship system allows families and community groups to pool their will, compassion and resources to help refugee families.

There are approximately 6,000 such sponsors awaiting approval by the federal government to be matched with a refugee family.

It thus came as a surprise to many families, churches, businesses and community groups to find that in mid-December, the department of citizenship

and immigration quietly put a cap of 1,000 on the number of new applicants looking to sponsor Syrian and Iraqi refugees in 2017. Some groups had been prepared to sponsor multiple families.

The change to the private sponsorship system for Syrian and Iraqi refugees was meant to ease the backlog in processing applications. Months later, the backlog persists.

At the same time that the Immigration and Refugee Board is battling a stack of applications, the government has increased the overall number of privately-sponsored refugees that it plans to allow this year from elsewhere in the world. This year, Canada is planning for a high of 19,000 privately sponsored refugees.

The agency anticipates the situation will deteriorate. It foresees as many as 30,000 claims languishing. Wait times, which refugees and their advocates say are already lengthy, will double.

Speaking to The Canadian Press, the chairman of IRB was frank that the board was doing its best but it needed more help, saying, "efficiency has increased significantly, but there is no way we can deal with 30,000 cases when we're funded for about 17,000."

Supported and embraced, refugee families are integrating. Canadian communities have shown that they are willing to do their part in the global migrant crisis.

The private sponsorship system is a workable extension of the generosity that we proclaim.

It's time for Ottawa to put the money in and figure it out.

**I feel pretty confident that I'm becoming my worst nightmare.**

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## Why frozen is the new fresh

### FOOD TRENDS

#### Our false idea of 'freshness' causes too much waste

Genna Buck  
Metro | Toronto



When Karyl Agana looks in her home freezer, only one thing belongs to her: A package of salmon.

Like so many self-described foodies, the 28-year-old finance assistant prefers to buy nearly all her fruits, vegetables and meats fresh.

"I enjoy food a lot," she said. "I go out looking for great tasting food. And I make it look pleasing."

Agana aims to make four beautiful meals a week; sourcing ingredients from her Toronto neighbourhood's abundance of grocery stores and ethnic markets.

But inevitably, some of it gets wasted: About once a month, she goes through her fridge and throws away a full

grocery bag of spoiled produce. And she's never been one to cook and freeze for later — she said she has nothing against it; it's just not what she grew up doing.

She's far from alone. According to Tammara Soma, who studies food waste at the University of Toronto's Food Systems Lab, Canadians spend a collective \$107 billion per year on food that never gets eaten, including the cost of fuel and water.

Why? Because, she said, we're obsessed with a false ideal of freshness.

"We're so detached. We've lost that whole connection between production, processing and consumption," Soma said. "We gravitate toward the idea of freshness to become comfortable with the unknowns. Fresh means healthy, fresh

means good."

Meanwhile, frozen food gets a bad rap it doesn't deserve. It's picked at peak season and preserved right away, unlike, say, grocery-store bananas, which are picked green, stored for many days, shipped across the world and ripened with ethylene gas, Soma said.

"The idea that they're fresh is quite a paradox," she added. "Fresh is a marketing concept."

And our obsession with it is costing us. The typical North American fridge (unlike European fridges, which are a bit smaller) is an "enabler as a food waste," Soma said. "We stock it up and forget about it. We buy doubles of the same thing. It's a compost bin."

But the freezer is a powerful weapon against waste. Take herbs, for example: Most people buy a huge bunch but



Tammara Soma. CONTRIBUTED

only use a few leaves, leaving the rest to rot.

Soma recommends pureeing them with olive oil and freezing them in ice-cube trays for an instant way to perk up pasta dishes and soups.

Sure, frozen fruits and vegetables can be a bit watery and mushy, which grosses some people out. But in things like soups and smoothies, you'll hardly notice.

"The more standards imposed on the food, the more opportunities there are for it to be wasted," Soma said. "It's time to implement a new measure of freshness that's simple: 'Does it smell good? Does it look edible?'"

### + FREEZE TO THE MAX EXPERT TIPS

Leanne Brown, author of *Good and Cheap*, a cookbook designed to help people on public assistance make cheap, nutritious meals gives her top tips:

#### Buy frozen and canned in the off-season

"You might think fresh is best, but for flavour reasons and cost reasons, pay attention to season. Fresh tomatoes right now are basically trash."

#### Compare prices in-store

Food prices fluctuate. "It would be nice if there were set rules; if canned and

frozen were always cheaper. They're often not."

#### Cook and freeze a staple

"It's as simple as making a big pot of a really inexpensive staple like beans or lentils and having that be the centre of a taco meal, and then as a side another night."

#### Don't use your freezer as a dumping ground

"I've made too large a portion of something and I'm sick of it. Usually it is going to the freezer to die. Label it when you put it in there."



**I enjoy food a lot. I go out looking for great tasting food. And I make it look pleasing.**

Foodie but non-freezer Karyl Agana



### RECIPE

## You can't spell velvety soup without pea

This velvety soup is thickened with cooked-down diced russet potato rather than cream but for a completely vegan version, substitute vegetable broth for chicken.

In lieu of esepette pepper, a mild chili used in French cooking, paprika can be used instead.

**Cream Of Pea Soup With Pesto Oil**  
Makes 8 to 10 servings.

#### Ingredients:

For The Cream Of Pea Soup

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 1 chopped medium-sized yellow onion
- 1 medium-sized russet potato, peeled and diced
- 5 cups (1-1/4L) no salt-added chicken broth
- 1-26oz (750g) bag of frozen peas
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- For The Pesto Oil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) store-bought pesto
- For The Garnish
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh cilantro leaves

- tro leaves
- 1 lime, cut into small wedges
- Espelette pepper, to taste

#### Directions:

For The Cream Of Pea Soup

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until softened. Add diced potato and broth. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Add peas and continue to cook for 2 minutes, or until

just defrosted.

2. In a blender, purée mixture in batches until smooth. Transfer soup into saucepan and season with salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm until ready to serve.

For The Pesto Oil

3. In a small bowl, combine oil and pesto. Strain through a fine sieve and set aside until ready to add to soup.

For The Garnish

4. Ladle soup into cups or



Cream of pea soup with pesto oil. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

bowls. Garnish with a drizzle of pesto oil and cilantro leaves. Serve with a lime

wedge and a pinch of Espelette pepper.

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# Dishes that truly represent Canada

## COOK THIS BOOK

### Montreal-style bagels just one great recipe on tasty road trip

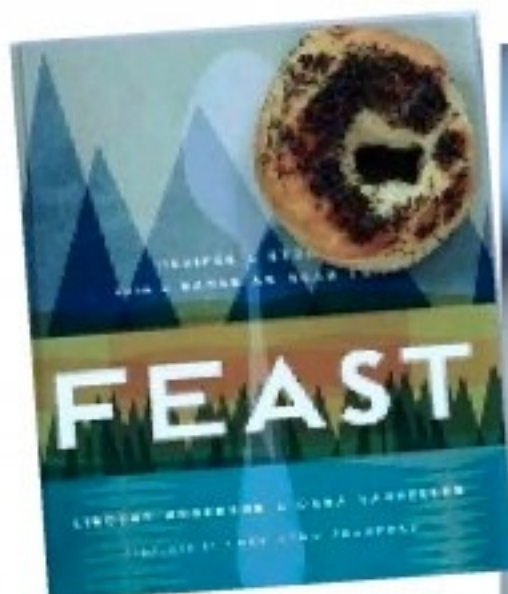
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Canadian food is so much more than poutine and Nanaimo bars. Friends Lindsay Anderson and Dana Vanveller discovered this while on a cross-country road trip in 2013, sampling local specialties in all 10 provinces and three territories — from whale blubber in Nunavut to wild boar and fig meatballs in Saskatchewan to giant lobster rolls in New Brunswick.

Collecting recipes (and stories) from local chefs along the way, the two documented their culinary adventure on their award-winning blog *Feast: an edible road trip*, which, of course, planted the seeds for a cookbook.

The book, *Feast: Recipes & Stories From a Canadian Road Trip*, sorts its recipes into nine categories including vegetarian, meat and seafood mains, snacks and drinks. Each recipe comes with a short story about where the dish is from and the chef who made it. It also comes with a helpful “alternative ingredients” guide in case you can’t track something down — birch syrup, for example, can be swapped for a 1:1 mix of maple syrup and molasses.

“It’s true that no one dish represents every last part of Canada, but how could it, and why would we want it to?” they write. “Canada is huge! There are simply too many cultures and kilometres to find one convenient answer, and that’s OK — it’s a complicated country. But there is such a thing as Canadian food, and it’s broad and diverse and so, so compelling.”



#### Montreal-Style Bagels

**Makes 12 servings.** Montreal-style bagels traditionally have a sweet taste to them — you can cut back on sugar by 1 or 2 tablespoons if you prefer. The original recipe also says to let the dough rise for 30 minutes, which gives the dense, chewy texture Montreal bagels are known for. I let my dough rise for an hour, making the bagels a little fluffier.

A stand mixer is helpful but not necessary for this recipe; if you don’t have one, you can use a silicone spatula or wooden spoon to stir instead.

I found mixing the wet ingredients easier to do by hand with a fork, but you can also use the paddle or whisk attachment of your stand mixer.

#### Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) warm water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) active dry yeast
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) white sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) vegetable oil, plus extra for coating dough
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) maple syrup
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 cups (1 L) all-purpose flour, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) salt
- 12 cups (3 L) water, for boiling
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) honey
- Sesame and poppy seeds for garnish

#### Directions:



These Montreal-style bagels are just one authentic and interesting Canadian dishes included in *Feast*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**1.** In a large bowl or stand mixer bowl, combine water and yeast and let sit for about 5 minutes, or until mixture begins to foam (meaning yeast is active). Add in sugar, oil, maple syrup and egg and stir until sugar has dissolved. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine flour and salt. Stir until well-mixed.

**2.** With dough hook attachment on lowest speed, stir large bowl, adding in flour-salt mixture 1 cup at a time, leaving about 30 seconds between each cup. Using a spatula, scrape down any flour that sticks to the sides. Continue stirring until dough is sticky and consistent in colour without visible streaks of flour.

**3.** On a lightly floured

countertop, place dough and sprinkle about 1 teaspoon flour on top. Knead dough for about 10 minutes, until smooth and elastic, adding more flour as necessary but don’t overdo it — dough should be sticky but pull away from hands and countertop easily. Shape dough into a ball and set aside.

**4.** In a medium-sized bowl, add 1/2 teaspoon oil. Roll dough ball in bowl until covered. Cover bowl with damp tea towel or plastic wrap and let dough rise for 1 hour, or until it doubles in size. When dough is nearly ready, in a large pot over high heat, add water and honey and bring to boil.

**5.** Preheat your oven to 425 F (220 C) with one rack at top and another on bottom. Punch down dough, place on counter and divide it into 12 equal portions. Roll each portion into roughly 8-inch-long (25 cm) rope, then bring ends together, rolling ends until they stick together, forming a loop.

**6.** Using a large slotted spoon, place bagels gently one at a time into boiling water. Cook 3 or 4 at a time. Do not let bagels overlap. Boil for 90 seconds, flipping bagels halfway. Remove with the spoon and place on cooling rack.

**7.** Let bagels cool about 5 minutes. Coat with sesame seeds or poppy seeds.

**8.** On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat, place bagels about 1/2 inch (1 cm) apart. Place on the top rack in oven. Bake for 10 minutes. Flip bagels and place sheet onto bottom oven rack. Continue baking until tops are golden-brown, about 5 to 10 minutes.

**9.** Remove bagels from oven, transfer to cooling rack and let sit 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Bagels can also be stored for several days in a zip-lock bag; allow to cool fully before bagging.

**10.** Enjoy with cream cheese and smoked salmon, tomatoes, avocado and/or capers.

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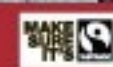


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**THIS WEEK:** Panko bread crumbs vs. plain bread crumbs

Are regular bread crumbs and panko bread crumbs the same nutritionally?

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**Aurora Plain Panko Bread Crumbs**

(per ½ cup)

Calories 110

Fat 0g

Sodium

50mg



**SKIP THIS**

**Pastene Plain Bread Crumbs (per ½ cup)**

Calories 220

Fat 3g

Sodium

800mg



**HERE'S WHY**



**Equivalent to 4 slices of Primo Vegetarian pizza from Panago in sodium.**

Panko and bread crumbs are interchangeable in cooking. However, panko has a flakier, more delicate texture and is made predominantly from white bread crumbs without the crust. Regular bread crumbs can come from a variety of breads and have a finer texture. While they are fairly similar in terms of calories and fat, these plain bread crumbs have an excessive amount of sodium compared to the panko. Add an extra crunch to your dishes with panko and save on sodium!

# Say it ain't dough: raw cookies a risk

**FOOD SAFETY**

**Sweet trend is hot right now but cold batter can do damage**

**Genna Buck**  
Metro | Toronto



It's every kid's dream: Licking gooey, sugary cookie dough straight off the spoon or beater.

But beware: Trendy restaurants and cafes serving raw cookie dough could be doling out a dangerous dose of harmful bacteria as well. Uncooked or undercooked eggs could be contaminated with salmonella, and E. coli outbreaks have been linked to the consumption of raw flour, too.

So ask about safety before indulging in the nostalgia-fuelled cookie dough craze. Toronto's Junked Food Co., which started scooping cones of cookie dough earlier this month — and is already going through 600 pounds of



**Junked Food Co. in Toronto went through pounds of cookie dough this month, serving it like ice cream, in what's being dubbed a new dessert craze.** INSTAGRAM/JUNKEDFOODCO

the sweet stuff every weekend — uses only pasteurized eggs and heats the flour to 160 C to kill any harmful bugs that might be lurking, co-owner Brian McKilligan said.

If you want to be super-safe,

the lemon flavour is totally egg-free.

The restaurant also has pints of dough available to take away — so there is the option to, you know, actually bake it and make cookies.

**SAFFRON**

## Valuable spice could be grown in tunnels

As spring crocus blooms approach, some growers have visions of a fall-flowering crocus that produces saffron, the world's most valuable spice.

University of Vermont researchers have been raising the exotic spice, now grown primarily in Iran, and are encouraging growers to tap into what could be a cash crop. It's not a hard sell, particularly in the short growing season of the Northeast. A crop harvested in the late fall, when others have died off, that tolerates extreme climates and yields an average of \$19 per gram.

"Is this the red gold we've been looking for?" said Patricia Fontaine, of Palmer Farm in Little Compton, Rhode Island. She, her mother and brother attended a sold-out workshop this month on growing saffron hosted by the University of Vermont that drew growers from New England and as far away as Indiana and California. The family had been searching for a crop to grow in their high tunnel, a greenhouse-like structure without heat like one UVM also used to raise the spice.

"We were looking into everything and then all of a sudden this came up, and we were like, 'This can't be real,'" said Fontaine's brother Ryan Golembske.

UVM researchers said the yields amounted to \$4.03 a square foot, compared to \$3.51 a square foot for tomatoes, and \$1.81 a square foot for winter leafy greens.

They estimate an acre of saffron grown in high tunnels could bring in \$100,000 a season.

The seasoning comes from the dried red threads, or stigmas, of the plant's purple flower, enhancing dishes like paella, bouillabaisse and risotto. It's also prized as a natural dye, for medicinal purposes and was used by Cleopatra in baths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**The process of picking saffron flowers, gathering the delicate stigmas and drying them is labour intensive.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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For every dish that gets a thousand likes on Instagram, there are dozens that don't come close but that shouldn't cause you heartburn — even professional chefs get it wrong. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Exploding eggs and horrified friends

## KITCHEN CATASTROPHES

### Even the best cooks have an off day; here's some of worst

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For every dish that makes it on to Instagram, there are a few duds better off in the garbage.

Last year, while researching the our annual cookie calendar, I spent more than a week trying to make macarons. I over-whipped my first batch and got grainy egg whites, and under-whipped the next, resulting in meringue pancakes. Oven fans blew the fragile tops off another batch, and then while tapping the tray of piped meringues on the table to get rid of air bubbles, I missed the table altogether. Needless to say, they never made it onto Instagram.

But hey, no one is perfect and at least I got a good story out of my attempts. With that in mind, we asked readers to share their harrowing tales of home cooking fails. Here are the best of the worst.

#### 1 **Zombie Sushi** (Danny Bernard, 30)

My friends and I take turns making dinners for each other monthly. I like sushi so I thought I would give it a go. I thought I didn't need short (grain) rice and it turns out the avocado wasn't ripe enough. "Looks like a dead body thrown in a tarp," one of my friends commented. "Rice looks like maggots." My

friends luckily rain-checked me. I learned from this, and the next week I got it together ... mostly.

#### 2 **Taste (and glass) explosion** (Edythe Yee, 46)

There was a glass explosion in my friend's kitchen when we were frying a bunch of food last year. The bowl was filled with glaze and was sitting on the counter in the kitchen next to my sour cream lemon cake doughnuts and my sour cherry fritter batter, both waiting their turn in the deep fryer, which was outside. We heard a loud bang and when we went to investigate, we saw glass shards everywhere: all over the counter, the next counter over, and all over the floor. We had to toss all the doughnuts, batter and the other glaze. The glaze was sitting by itself at room temperature in an air-conditioned kitchen so we don't know why it randomly exploded. No one got hurt but we were very, very sad.

#### 3 **Thanks for the endorsement** (Corrie Pollock, 30)

I just had to send you a photo of the "60-second microwave cookie" I attempted a while ago. Not pictured: a cookie explosion all over the microwave's ceiling. This didn't stop me from trying your (microwave) mug cake recipe, which turned out absolutely perfect.

#### 4 **Slippery pie** (Susan Gow, 72)

In 1963, I left Quebec City and went to Soest, Germany, as a new bride with my hus-

band who was serving in the Canadian army as part of the NATO forces. My new home was a small flat in a shared German home with not much kitchen equipment. I had a two-burner portable stove top and a steel-framed "glass box" for a stove that sat on a small wooden table with the burner. No matter, I had my trusty Fannie Farmer Cookbook with me that I received as a wedding present. I made a beautiful apple pie and proudly served it to my husband. He bit into it, looked puzzled, but polished it off in no time. "Wow," he gasped, "That was some slippery pie. How did you make it? I could hardly keep it on my fork." To my horror I realized I read the recipe wrong. Instead of adding vegetable shortening, lard, or butter I added all three ingredients. All these years later, I still get teased about the slippery pie.

#### 5 **Burnt bundts** (Chris Moran, 64)

I was a 22-year-old newlywed with limited kitchen skills when my hubby and I moved into our first apartment, which had a limited kitchen — a small stove with two burners. We were going to my parents' cottage for the weekend and I wanted to bring a coffee cake. My hubby was working at the airport and I was going to pick him up after his shift, a 30- to 45-minute round-trip. To make the best use of time, I decided to put the cake in the oven while I made the trip. I hadn't used the oven before and wasn't sure how it worked. There

were two dials with no labels so, I thought what the heck and turned on both to cover all bases. I popped in the cake and went to the airport. When we pulled into the driveway, there was smoke billowing and our landlord was flapping his arms and screaming for me to open the door. We ran to the oven and pulled out what looked like a very flat spare tire. Apparently I had baked and broiled it simultaneously. The bottom half of the cake was perfectly fine so I sliced off the top half and brought the rest to the cottage. No one was the wiser.

#### 6 **Mother knows best** (Nicole Willett, 38)

Bam! Then another. Bam! Bam! I counted a dozen. "Hide!" my mom said. A few minutes later, she grabbed a baseball bat and with a "follow me" we ventured into the kitchen. I was 8 years old when I learned that when you boil eggs and all the water evaporates, they explode and sound like a gunshot. Mom put the bat down and we spent the evening scraping splattered egg from the ceiling, floor, cabinets and stove. My mom was notorious for her kitchen fails. The pizza delivery place knew her voice and order by memory. A few years before she passed, she left me with a prized possession: A Betty Crocker cookbook with the following inscription:

Merry Christmas! Since you don't have a person to refer to when it comes to cooking, I thought you would use this! XOXO Mom. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE







JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# True heroism is found in modesty of comrades

**THE SHOW:** Band of Brothers, Episode 7 (HBO)  
**THE MOMENT:** "I withstood it well, but..."

The World War II US paratroopers of Easy Company just fought a hellish winter battle in Bastogne, Belgium — freezing cold, constant shelling, trees and bodies blown to splinters. One of the real men who endured it, now a white-haired senior, speaks in a to-camera interview.

"You don't have a chance when your friends go down, you know, to really take care of them as you might," he says. As he speaks, his voice thickens. His eyes fill with tears. He has to keep licking his lips because his mouth dries up.

"I withstood it well, but I had a lot of trouble in later life, because those events would come back." A barely contained sob fills his voice as he adds, "And you never forget them."

HBO's older series are available on demand right now, so I was happy to catch up with this 10-parter from Steven Spielberg



Steven Spielberg's series now resonates even more. CONTRIBUTED

and Tom Hanks, based on Stephen Ambrose's book.

It took me a few hours to realize its genius: It's not about individual characters. The men who speak to camera aren't identified until the final episode. The actors playing them are hard to tell apart.

But that's the point. This show is about the idea of comradeship — about throwing your person into service for the

collective, about making all bodies into one body, about caring for others more than yourself.

That's a rare idea in our age of hyper-individuality, even rarer now than it was in 2001 when this show was made. The modesty is the heroism.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

# Wyclef Jean cuffed in mistaken arrest

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## Singer releases video of police detaining him in Hollywood



Andrew Fifield  
Metro | Toronto

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials are apologizing to Grammy-winning singer Wyclef Jean who was detained after being mistaken for an armed robbery suspect.

Sheriff's officials said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that while they apologize for the inconvenience, Jean was lawfully stopped by deputies looking for a violent armed robber whose victims described a similar vehicle and article of clothing.

The 47-year-old R&B star tweeted a video of him in handcuffs while flashing squad car lights illuminated him and the



Wyclef Jean is "appalled" with the LAPD. AP/FILE

arresting officers early Tuesday.

"That's what's going on right now with Wyclef in L.A. right now," he says to the camera. "The LAPD have me in cuffs for absolutely nothing."

The singer adds he was returning home from a record-

ing studio.

In later tweets, the Haitian-born artist says he was not given a chance to explain the situation before he was handcuffed.

"I was asked by the police to put my hands up, then I was told 'do not move,'" he wrote. I was instantly handcuffed before being asked to identify myself.

"I said my name and told them they have (the) wrong person. They proceeded to ignore me and I was treated like a criminal until other police showed up and pointed they had the wrong person."

Jean said on Twitter that he was "appalled at this behaviour."

A man believed to be the correct suspect was later arrested. Police say that a gun and a stolen wallet were recovered.

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### A low range almost doesn't factor at this price point



It's unlikely this is what Hyundai had in mind for the media drive of the all-new Ioniq Electric, the brand's first real attempt at breaking into the slow-selling EV market.

What this entails is an unexpected bout of unseasonably bad weather in Kelowna, B.C. It's not unrealistic to expect temperatures around 8 C this time of year in the Okanagan Valley; instead it's about -5 C and snowing, with some freezing rain mixed in. This poses obvious problems.

Cold weather is the enemy of electric vehicles. From its effects on the battery to the additional energy needed to run the car's climate control system, range is reduced in a big way when the mercury plunges. Yet here we are, ready to set out on a journey intended to cover about 113 kilometres, or a little more than half the estimated range of the Ioniq Electric. Only our tester isn't showing anywhere near the range the car is capable of despite efforts to top up the charge.

Packing a 28-kWh battery, the Hyundai Ioniq Electric is good for an estimated 200 km of driving. That's barely better than the aging Nissan Leaf (172

km), which was introduced way back in 2010, and almost half the range of the all-new Chevrolet Bolt (383 km), though the Bolt's battery boasts twice the capacity.

Setting out for our drive from a snow-covered parking lot, the car's estimated range of about 169 km is looming.

Parlaying power from the battery to the front wheels is an electric motor and a single-speed reduction gear transmission, while a set of regenerative brakes can send energy back to the battery. While the Ioniq Electric is hampered somewhat by the additional heft of its beefy battery, the torque from the electric motor helps to disguise it and makes the car feel nimble.

While it tends to float over uneven pavement like an old Lincoln thanks to its low center of gravity created by the battery, the car features taut and responsive steering that's superior to its gas-electric sibling, the Ioniq Hybrid. It isn't, however, quite as sure-footed on slippery surfaces.

The Ioniq Electric may not compare to the likes of the Chevy Bolt — or the pending Tesla Model 3 — when it comes to range, but it has it beat when it comes to price. Base models are expected to start at \$35,000, with a fully loaded version to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$42,000. That poses an interesting value proposition when compared to virtually other EVs on the market.

Ending our drive, our tester is still showing nearly 80 km of range remaining — no small feat. Hyundai's first all-electric offering impresses, even with the cold winter weather rearing its efficiency-sapping head.

## THE CHECKLIST | 2017 HYUNDAI IONIQ ELECTRIC REVIEW

### THE BASICS

**Engine:** Single motor drive unit  
**Output:** 120 horsepower, 215 pound-feet of torque  
**Transmission:** Single-speed reduction gear  
**Battery size:** 28 kWh  
**Estimated range:** 200 kilometres  
**Price:** Starts at \$35,000 (est.) (before available incentives)



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# Outdated technology inspiring innovation

HYUNDAI

## Patent filed for innovative three-cylinder engine



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Hyundai has filed a patent for a three-cylinder engine with some very interesting technology.

The patent application was filed on November 30, 2015 but was published on March 16, 2017. In it, the Korean automaker details a three-cylinder engine where two of the cylinders perform four-cycle combustion while the remaining cylinder is two-cycle combustion. Essentially it's a combined-cycle combustion engine in hopes of improving fuel efficiency, among other things.

"However, since the three-



**The Korean automaker has plans for a combined-cycle combustion engine that will improve fuel efficiency.** HANDOUT

since engine performance (for example, power and torque) is deteriorated when this combined cycle engine is controlled, merchantable quality of the engine may be lowered."

It appears Hyundai is looking to solve the deterioration by combining two- and four-cycle cylinders. Since the bore, stroke and valve timing of the two-cycle cylinder can differ from the four-cycle cylinder, the same power is generated in the two- and four-cycle cylinders, preventing engine performance from dropping when the three-cylinder engine is operated under the combined cycles. It also maintains the advantages of a three-cylinder engine, mainly its compact structure and high fuel efficiency.

Expect to see more three-cylinder engines being developed by automakers in the coming years. The new Ford Fiesta ST for example, uses a three-cylinder EcoBoost engine to generate 200 horsepower and 214 pound-feet of torque.

## TECHNOLOGY

# Ford's Pedestrian Detection system gets night vision

Ford has improved its Pedestrian Detection technology so that it now works at night.

According to a new poll commissioned by Ford, night blindness and fear of hitting someone top night-time driving fears and the American automaker is hoping its latest technology helps alleviate those worries. The new technology is designed to detect pedestrians at night and then automatically apply the brakes if the driver does not respond to initial warnings.

In order to get Pedestrian Detection to work at night for the first time, the development team worked at night by sending life-sized dummies into the path of vehicles on closed tracks. The system was also tested on public roads in busy cities including Paris and Amsterdam.

So how does it all work? Basically, the system processes information from a radar located in the bumper and a windshield-mounted camera through a database of "pedestrian shapes" to distinguish people from objects

like road signs and trees. According to Ford, the camera delivers over 30 snapshots every second, and the video live feed and wide viewing angle allows the system to see pedestrians, even in low-light conditions.

In North America, the technology will first debut on the 2018 Ford F-150 and Ford Mustang models, while Europeans will first see it on the next-generation Ford Fiesta that debuted at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show last week.

"We know some drivers find hitting the road at night a stressful experience. Especially driving in towns and cities, pedestrians — sometimes distracted by mobiles — can without warning step into the road, leaving even alert drivers very little time to avoid an accident," said Gregor Alexi, active safety engineer, Ford of Europe. "Day and night, Pedestrian Detection is designed to help identify people already in — or about to step into — the road ahead."

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# Put the brakes on these five bad habits

## ETIQUETTE

### Kick these habits to make the roads safer for everyone

**Louis MacPherson**  
AutoGuide.com

For many, the automobile is the paragon of independence. Behind the wheel, a driver is a slave to no one. Except that's not always true.

Motorists are slaves to their own driving shortcomings as well as the bad habits of others on the road.

Having driven more than 2.5 million miles before my 50th birthday, I have witnessed more than my fair share of bad driving. My experience has shown me there are five main behaviours that put ourselves and others at risk on the roads.

#### Being unaware of your surroundings

Without question, the main issue is an unawareness of one's surroundings — from this all



Road warrior MacPherson shares the five worst chronic driving habits he's observed in his time behind the wheel. iSTOCK

else flows. Observe the number of drivers who look up only to discover a car carrier, garbage truck, bus, etc. has magically appeared in their sightline, despite having been easily within view from several hundred

metres away.

Anyone who has spent a logistics career on the road will confirm that the more a driver focuses on the horizon, the more anticipatory their driving becomes. Being aware negates the

need for excessively hard braking, erratic lane changes and the resultant consequences that drive everyone on the road crazy.

#### Improper braking

Most people do not know how

to brake. If their gaze falls only as far as the hood ornament on their car, I can confidently predict how they'll brake — suddenly — and how often they'll need to have brakes and rotors replaced or serviced. Not to mention the high probability that they'll inevitably end up in a rear-end collision.

The poorer your grasp of the horizon, the poorer and more erratic your braking and the greater the likelihood that another driver will rear end you. Brake smoothly and with moderation.

#### Not using turn signals

People who don't use turn signals are not lazy, they're indifferent — which is worse. In other aspects of life, we communicate our intentions so why should the turn signal be different?

In their most basic use, they are a courtesy. To use them is so simple, yet it's an action that is universally recognized as charitable, prudent and infinitely safer.

The use of turn signals are, perhaps, the greatest automotive example of reciprocity. Crossing any lane without signaling is not only dangerous, it is the equivalent of trespassing.

#### Bad turn signal courtesy

This behaviour is somewhat a continuance of turn signal courtesy. Drivers should always signal first (and with adequate notice), brake second.

All three previous examples of poor driver etiquette collide with alarming consequences for the driver behind you caught off guard. Once again, you are telegraphing your intentions to those on the road who may or may not be paying attention.

Giving as much advanced notice as possible will mitigate the need for drivers behind you to risk sudden lane changes or slam on the breaks.

#### Not turning into your correct lane

Perhaps nothing impedes the flow of traffic more at an intersection than people who do not turn into the correct lane. To watch two automobiles, each coming from opposing directions, harmoniously turn into their correct lane is a thing of breathtaking beauty. It is automotive ballet.

The conclusion is clear. The more we aspire and commit to being disciplined drivers, the more we make driving safer and more pleasurable for everyone.



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## NO FUN

### New report confirms that car buyers are boring people



White has been the best selling shade since 2011 and last year it accounted for 37 per cent of vehicle sales globally. iSTOCK



**Dan Ilika**  
AutoGuide.com

Apparently the auto market is increasingly looking like an eight-bit greyscale, with the vast majority of new vehicles sold these days finished in a less-than-exciting quartet of colours.

That's according to a report from paint supplier Axalta, which found that an astonishing 77 per cent of cars, trucks and SUVs sold in 2016 were finished in white, silver, grey

and black. If there ever was a barometer of just how boring car-buyers have become this is it.

White led the way at 37 per cent of global sales, trailed by black at 18 per cent. Grey and silver followed at 11 per cent each. Worse still, 2016 marked the sixth consecutive year white was the No. 1 seller, which overtook silver in 2011. Line them all up and it's like our parking lots are stuck in the movie Pleasantville. (If you understand this obscure reference then you will understand how sad the

situation is.)

The picture is a slightly less bleak one in North America, with red (10 per cent) and blue (eight per cent) adding a splash of colour to the mix, though white, black, grey and silver still led the way on the continent by a landslide.

There is, however, some reprieve on the horizon. Axalta says "colourful hues are tinting traditional neutral colors" to bring colour back into vogue. Here's to a slightly darker shade of burnt orange coming soon to a dealer near you.



"The Giants will always be my family": Barry Bonds is back with San Francisco as a special adviser



Flyers goalie Steve Mason makes a save on the Jets' Nic Petan on Tuesday night at MTS Centre. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Jets win 3rd straight

NHL

### Wheeler and Scheifele each rack up a goal and two assists

Blake Wheeler and Mark Scheifele each had a goal and pair of assists as the Winnipeg Jets earned their third straight victory with a 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday.

Linemate Mathieu Perreault

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picked up a goal and one assist in the Jets' second three-game win streak of the season.

The teams were tied 1-1 until Wheeler put a high shot on Steve Mason's glove side into the net at 7:02 of the third period.

After a Flyers' turnover

in their own end, Scheifele scored his 29th goal of the season with another high shot over Mason's glove at 13:51.

Michael Del Zotto scored goal with two seconds left as the Flyers pulled Mason for the extra attacker.

Making his 16th start of the season, and his first since Jan. 16, Michael Hutchinson had 24 saves for the Jets (33-33-7).

The last time Hutchinson chalked up a win as a starter was Dec. 22 in Vancouver, although he recorded the win after he came in for Connor

Hellebuyck when the Jets beat Minnesota 5-4 last Sunday.

Forward Jordan Weal also scored and Claude Giroux had a pair of assists for the Flyers (33-31-8). Mason stopped 30 shots for Philadelphia, which was playing its first game of a four-game road trip.

The Jets had lost six consecutive games (0-4-2) to the Flyers heading into the match.

Winnipeg begins a two-game road trip Thursday in Los Angeles. Philadelphia visits Minnesota the same day.

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CURLING

## Homan dialed in for two more wins

Canada is on the verge of clinching a playoff spot at the world women's curling championship after a pair of victories on Tuesday.

Ottawa's Rachel Homan defeated South Korea's Eunjung Kim 9-8 before dumping Scotland's Eve Muirhead 8-2 in evening play at the Capital Gymnasium. The Canadian team improved to 7-0 in round-robin play.

"We're happy with that performance," said second Joanne Courtney after beating Scotland. "I think we got a good handle on the ice early and it was nice to play a couple open ends to get to feel

comfortable and when we had our opportunities, we were able to capitalize."

Homan threw at 96 per cent while Muirhead finished at just 71 per cent. Scotland conceded the game after seven ends.



**There's lots of parts of the game that we're looking at and trying to improve.**

Rachel Homan

"It's easy to maintain the focus because there are so many good teams here and you have to be on your 'A' game no matter who you're playing," Homan said.

Sweden's Anna Hasselborg was alone in second place at 6-1 after a 9-4 victory over defending champion Alina Paetz of Switzerland, who fell to 4-3.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Decorated Canadian swimmer Cochrane retires

Two-time Olympic medallist Ryan Cochrane announced his retirement from swimming on Tuesday.

Cochrane won Olympic silver in the 1,500 metres in 2012 in London and bronze in 2008 in Beijing. He finished sixth in the distance in Rio.

The 28-year-old from Victoria also collected a total of eight world championship medals, the most by a Canadian.

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#### Suspect in theft of Brady jersey bragged about swag

The Mexican media executive suspected of stealing Tom Brady's jersey went to the Super Bowl as a working journalist but spent the week collecting selfies and autographs from football greats — and boasting that he was there purely as a fan.

Martin Mauricio Ortega, former director of La Prensa, has been identified as the target of a warrant that resulted in the recovery of the Brady jersey on March 12.

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MLB

## Price working way back from sore elbow

Boston manager John Farrell said Red Sox left-hander David Price has increased strength in his sore pitching elbow but isn't ready for a "full-blown throwing program."

Price was re-evaluated before the Red Sox played the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

"Strength gains have been had, but we're going to continue to stay in the strength and conditioning phase of this," Farrell said. "He'll continue to get his arm moving



David Price  
GETTY IMAGES

in the cage, in the workout room and the training room. We're getting closer."

Starting the second season of a \$217 million, seven-year contract,

Price has not appeared in an exhibition game and is expected to begin the season on the disabled list. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### MLB IN BRIEF

#### Yankees' Gregorius to miss opening month

New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius is expected to miss the first month of the regular season because of a strained right shoulder.

Gregorius was hurt while turning a double play for the Netherlands in the World Baseball Classic. He returned to the Yankees' spring camp this week.

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#### Rangers sign backup catcher to an extension

Texas catcher Robinson Chirinos has signed a new contract through 2018 that also includes a club option for 2019.

Chirinos, already signed for this season, was the Rangers' catcher for opening day in both 2015 and 2016. He is now a backup to Jonathan Lucroy.

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#### MIDDLE EAST

### Baseball draws new players in Palestinian women

The young Palestinian women don baseball caps on top of their Islamic headscarves and field tennis balls with fabric gloves, giving a decidedly local feel to the great American pastime.

They are trying to bring baseball to the Gaza Strip, an effort that is still in its early innings.

The players, who work out on a small soccer pitch in a southern Gaza town, admit they are still trying to understand the rules of the complicated sport. With pitches lobbed underhand, the game they play is closer to softball.

"I only know it through TV," said Valentina Shaer, a 23-year-old English literature student.

Mahmoud Tafesh, the team's coach, said he has dreamed of bringing baseball to Gaza since he was introduced to the game last year.

Although baseball is a fringe sport throughout the soccer-crazy Middle East, the game has grown in popularity. Iraq has a national team, and one of the country's coaches introduced Tafesh to baseball last year while both were in Egypt, which now boasts a baseball



Young women are adding a local flair to baseball in the southern Gaza Strip. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and softball federation.

Tafesh admits he still has much to learn. He is unfamiliar with any of the teams or players in Major League Baseball and gets most of his knowledge from YouTube videos.

When he returned to Gaza, he was concerned about the lack of equipment and whether the conservative society, which is governed by the Islamic militant group Hamas, would accept the idea of girls playing the sport.

He first approached girls at the only sports education col-

lege in Gaza. To his surprise, he found interest in baseball was stronger among girls than boys, and the sport is now "attracting girls from other fields such as journalism and accountants."

The women say their families had no objection, and some parents even encouraged them.

But the society

overall has not been as recep-

tive.

Shaer said people "on social media had a bad idea about us," noting abusive comments when their pictures first appeared.

On Sunday, the team, which includes 20 to 30 members, had

its weekly practice on a soccer pitch in the female section of Al-Aqsa University.

During batting practice, the hitters took wild swings, often missing but occasionally making solid contact.

The players wore headscarves as well as long-sleeve running tops and loose pants, in keeping with local norms.

"While we face difficulties, we would like a specialized softball field to learn it correctly and train freely without any obstacles," said Iman Shahin, an athlete who studies sports education.

Israel and Egypt imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas seized power in 2007, heavily restricting travel and trade, and making it difficult to acquire specialized sports equipment.

Tafesh said he found just one baseball glove in all of Gaza, at the Sports Ministry building, and took it to local tailors who used it to make replicas out of black fabric.

With no proper bats in the territory, the team took a piece of wood and shaped it to look like one.

While seeking funding and real equipment, the women dream of eventually competing abroad.

"All of us share the same goal: participate and represent the name of Palestine outside and show that there are sports for the girls in Gaza," said 24-year-old Iman Mughaiar.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

# Refreshing Green Goddess Salad



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

- 1/2 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 handful of cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled

**Directions**

1. Place the first six ingredients in a blender and whiz away. Have a taste and see if it needs a bit more buttermilk to thin it out or a splash more vinegar to brighten it up.
2. Cook the asparagus in simmering water for 3 to 5 minutes until just tender. Plunge them into ice water to stop them from over cooking. Then drain and chop into bite-sized pieces.
3. Wash and dry all of your other veggies. Tear and arrange your lettuce on a large platter or on each plate.
4. Top with avocado, asparagus, cucumber, tomato.
5. Dress your salad and then top with feta.

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Cook time: 5 minutes  
Serves 2

**Ingredients**

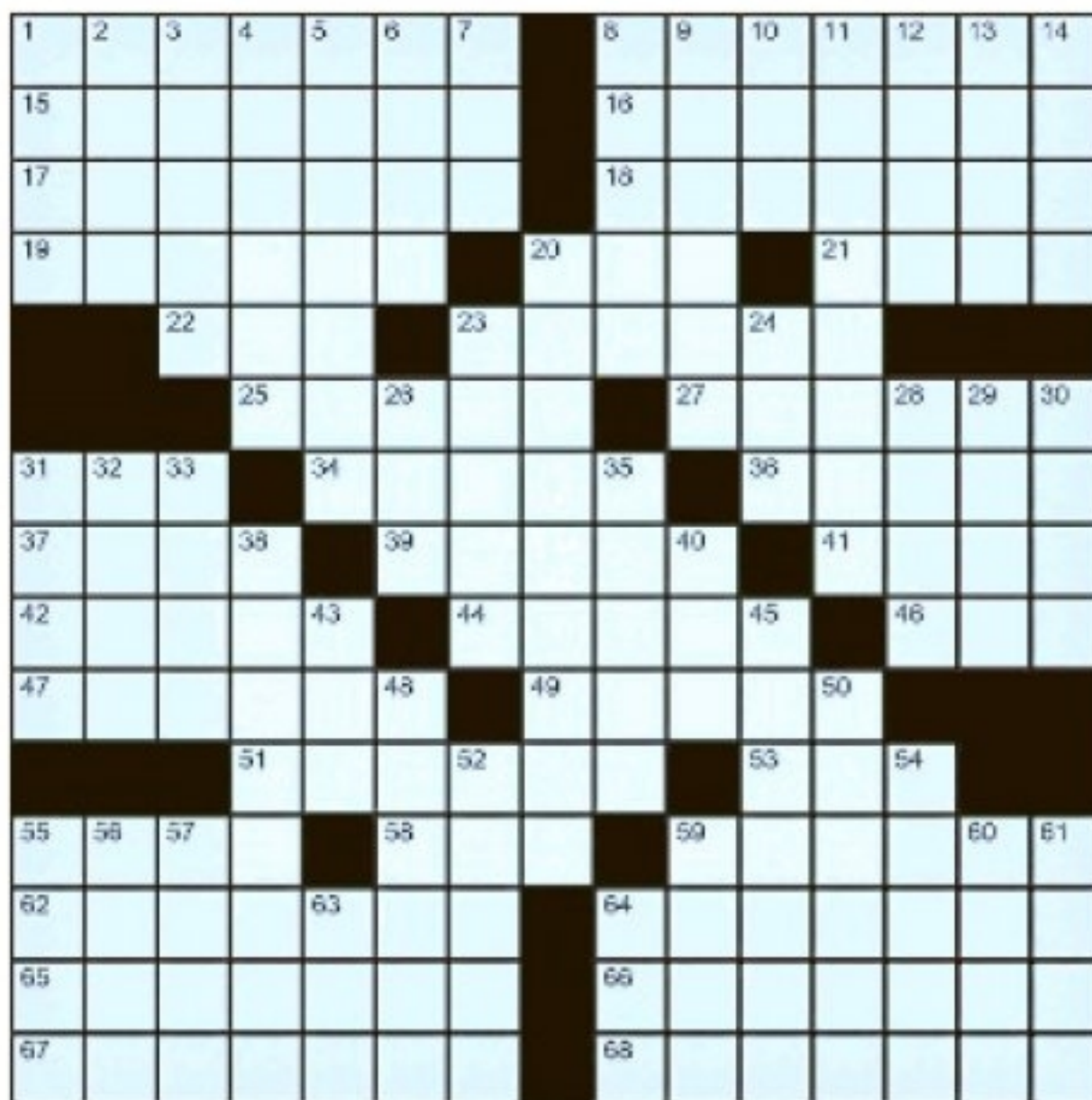
- 1/2 avocado
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 Tbsp chives, basil (you could use tarragon, dill, parsley, etc)
- 3 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp anchovy paste
- 1 cup scallions
- 6 or 7 stalks of asparagus, trimmed
- 2 or 3 handfuls of Boston or Bibb lettuce
- 1/2 avocado, cubed

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**ACROSS**

1. 'CANADA' as opposed to 'Canada': 2 wds.
8. Range out West
15. "Yeah, right."
16. Hospital attendant
17. Living-forever being
18. Contempt
19. "I Will Survive" by Gloria
20. Tarte, in Toronto
21. Trait carrier
22. Snugly-secluded spot
23. Cute little fish of freshwaters
25. Energize
27. Make a mistake: 2 wds.
31. Dry, like champagne
34. Pour \_\_\_ troubled waters
36. Vista
37. Hamlet genre, for short
39. Home furnishings, wallpaper, etc.
41. Prince Harry's sister-in-law
42. Heron variety
44. Beiges
46. Roman sun god
47. Inert
49. Be born as a baby bird
51. Lake \_\_\_ (1980 Winter Olympics site)
53. '\_\_\_' in Halifax
55. Competent
58. "The Man \_\_\_ Fell to Earth" (1976)
59. The \_\_\_ Union
62. It flows in the direction the wind is blowing: 2 wds.
64. Alleviate



65. Grunge rock city in Washington state
66. Vitamin C sources
67. Going-against person
68. Financial field fusions

**DOWN**

1. Prepare for the trip, pack \_\_\_
2. Priest of Tibet
3. Architect, Frank \_\_\_ Wright
4. Mr. Wilde of "The Walls of Jericho" (1948)
5. Melanie's lasered-off tattoo

6. Seckel is a sort
7. Canadian hockey great Mr. Apps
8. Sculptor of The Thinker
9. Get one's bearings
10. DVD-looking items

11. Appalachian Mountains village in New Brunswick
12. Latin hymn, with 'Dies'
13. Tiger Wood's ex-wife
14. Since, in ye olden days
20. The National Ballet

- of Canada's current production about a famous marionette ...more at #38-Down!
23. Skirmish
24. Alternatives
26. Singer's clip on MuchMusic, for short
28. \_\_\_ and carrots
29. Do \_\_\_ others...
30. Apple part
31. Proofer's term
32. Therefore
33. Victoria-born painter Emily
35. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
38. Lumberjack in the show at #20-Down which offers a Canuck spin on the classic tale
40. Groove
43. Pop group, '\_\_\_ Tuesday
45. Rhodes student at Oxford
48. Dilly-dally
50. 1974: "(You're) \_\_\_ My Baby" by Paul Anka
52. Jolliness
54. Warfare take-over
55. In addition
56. Horn's honk!
57. Spring
59. Bone-dry
60. Of all time
61. "Guarding \_\_\_" (1994)
63. The current US President's oldest daughter ...her initials-shares
64. Movie genre, \_\_\_-com

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
During conversations with bosses and VIPs today, don't volunteer for anything. Also, don't agree to anything important. (This is for your own protection.)

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Although you are interested in travel plans right now, do not make those plans today. Whatever you start today probably will have to be changed later.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is a good day for important discussions, especially about shared property, inheritances or decisions about how to divide something. Postpone these discussions until Friday. (You will be glad you did.)

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
When talking to close friends and partners today, keep things light. This is not a good day to make agreements. Things are just too fuzzy.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Just maintain your usual pace at work today and don't try anything new. Do not volunteer for anything or suggest improvements. Wait until Friday to do this.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
This is a wonderfully creative day for your sign, because your imagination is free-floating! If you work in the arts or in the entertainment world, you will have great ideas

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is the perfect day for hiding at home and relaxing. Do not shop for anything other than food or gas. Just take it easy.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This is a great day to schmooze and talk to others, because you feel friendly and lighthearted. Enjoy these discussions, but avoid important decisions.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is a poor day for any kind of financial negotiation. Don't spend money professionally. And when it comes to personal spending, spend money on food or gas only.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Today the Moon is in your sign, but it's in a hazy placement. In fact, it's a goofy day that is great for creativity and socializing, but not serious business.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You will enjoy being by yourself today, especially if you can find solitude in beautiful surroundings. Basically, it's hard to get really serious about anything.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
This is a great day to talk to others, especially a female companion. Share your hopes and dreams for the future to see what others say.

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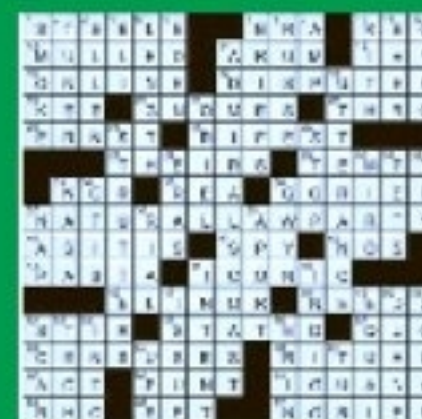
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## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

### Alicia Tobin's Come Draw with Me

West End Cultural Centre | 7:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOST: Alicia Tobin

CAST: Amanda Brooke Perrin, Jen Grant, Jacob Samuel

*Join Alicia Tobin and her special guests for an evening of drawing, laughing, sharing and friendship. Part comedy show, part art class... well, probably not. Supplies provided, no talent required.*

### WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series

Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:45 pm | Tickets: \$20 (18+ no minors)

HOST: Ben Walker

HEADLINER: Jackie Kashian

*Winnipeg Comedy Festival headliners at our favourite comedy club.*

### The Best of WCF on Tour Morris, MB

Morris Multiplex | 8:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOST: Ryan Ash

CAST: Howie Miller, Ashley Burdett, Glen Foster, Rob Pue

*The best of WCF on tour.*

### Coast to Coast: 150 Years of Funny!

Club Regent Event Centre | 8:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOST: Jeff McEnery

CAST: Matt Wright, Kathleen McGee, Big Daddy Tazz,  
Patrick Haye, Jen Grant, Nathan MacIntosh

*A national survey of Canada's finest comics (all ages welcome).*

### Lost in Translation, Perdu en quoi?

CCFM | 20h | Billets: \$10

CAST: Stephen Sim, Caitlin Curtis, Eric Plamondon,  
André Vrignon-Tessier (aka AVT), Janique Freynet-Gagné, Gordon Tanner

*The English/French Improv show that makes fun of miscommunication.*

### Tales From Late Night

West End Cultural Centre | 10:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOST: Bruce Clark

CAST: Lara Rae, Ivan Decker, Tim Gray and much more!

With the Musical stylings of Lloyd Peterson and his band

*Like Conan, Jimmy, and Letterman... Clark presents a comedy variety late night talk show with live band.*

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## WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series

Rumor's Comedy Club | 10:30 pm | Tickets: \$20 (18+ no minors)

**HOST:** Tyler Penner

**HEADLINER:** Nathan Macintosh

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## Virgin Territory

Presented by Club Regent Casino and Event Centre

**PANTAGES PLAYHOUSE THEATRE** | 7:15 pm | Tickets: \$35

**HOST:** Gavin Crawford

**LOCAL OPENER:** Matt Falk

**CAST:** Martha Chaves, Ivan Decker, Adrienne Fish,  
Dave Hemstad, Ashley Moffatt, Derek Seguin

*First child, first communion, first heart attack! Top comics  
present material on virgin experiences.*

## Good Neighbours

Presented by Club Regent Casino and Event Centre

**PANTAGES PLAYHOUSE THEATRE** | 9:15 pm | Tickets: \$35

**HOST:** Tommy Chong

**LOCAL OPENER:** Matt Nightingale

**CAST:** Rob Bebenek, Sean Emeny, Mark James Heath,  
Deb Kimmett, Shazia Mirza, Tim Nutt

*Comics look at neighbours in a variety of ways: nations, cities,  
the house next door, the apartment adjacent, roommates ...*



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**



### **CBC Radio's The Debaters**

Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: \$30

**HOST:** Steve Patterson

**DEBATERS:** Nathan Macintosh vs Fatima Dhowre, Big Daddy Tazz vs Ashley Moffatt, Charlie Demers vs Rob Pue, John Wing vs Dave Hemstad, Deb Kimmett vs Erica Sigurdson, Bruce Clark vs Adrienne Fish

*Be it resolved that CBC Radio One's hit show is back in Winnipeg for the 11th year. A potent mix of facts and funny as seasoned comedians go head-to-head. (all ages welcome)*

### **Dinner & A Movie presenting Caddyshack**

The MET | 6:00 pm | Tickets: \$30 (includes buffet dinner)

**HOST:** Howie Miller

*The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre's popular dinner and a movie night comes swinging to the festival with dinner, popcorn and special comedy guest.*

### **WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series**

Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:15 pm | Tickets: \$20 (18+ no minors)

**HOST:** Matt Nightingale **HEADLINER:** Mark James Heath

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### **No Bro Show**

West End Cultural Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: \$20

**HOST:** Lara Rae

**CAST:** Fatima Dhowre, Jackie Kashian, Robby Hoffman, Nikki Payne, Ashley Moffatt, Shazia Mirza

*Not once, not twice but four times with ladies. The fiercely female show returns for its fourth year. By women, for everyone.*

### **Feminist Gong Show**

West End Cultural Centre | 9:30 pm | Tickets: \$20

**HOST:** Erica Sigurdson

**CAST:** Bruce Clark, Ivan Decker, Derek Seguin

**PANEL:** Carole Cunningham, Robby Hoffman, Ashley Moffatt

*A comedy game show where male comedians are pitted against our panel of feminist judges. Dodge the gong and winner takes all.*



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## The Dirty Show

The MET | 10:00 pm | Tickets: \$20 (18+ no minors)

HOST: Tim Nutt

CAST: Mark James Heath, Rob Bebenek, Nikki Payne, Jeff McEnry, Rob Pue, Derek Seguin, George Westerholm

*A festival favourite. It's been called many things but it is what it is...The Dirty Show.*

## WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series

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HOST: Andy Noble HEADLINER: Patrick Haye

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## I Heart Love

Presented by Club Regent Casino and Event Centre

PANTAGES PLAYHOUSE THEATRE | 6:45 pm | Tickets: \$35

HOST: Will Sasso

LOCAL OPENER: Kate Schellenberg

CAST: Amanda Brooke Perrin, Jen Grant, Patrick Haye, Jackie Kashian, Jacob Samuel, Joe Vu

*Love...sometimes it's so painful all you can do is laugh.*

## Hot Mess

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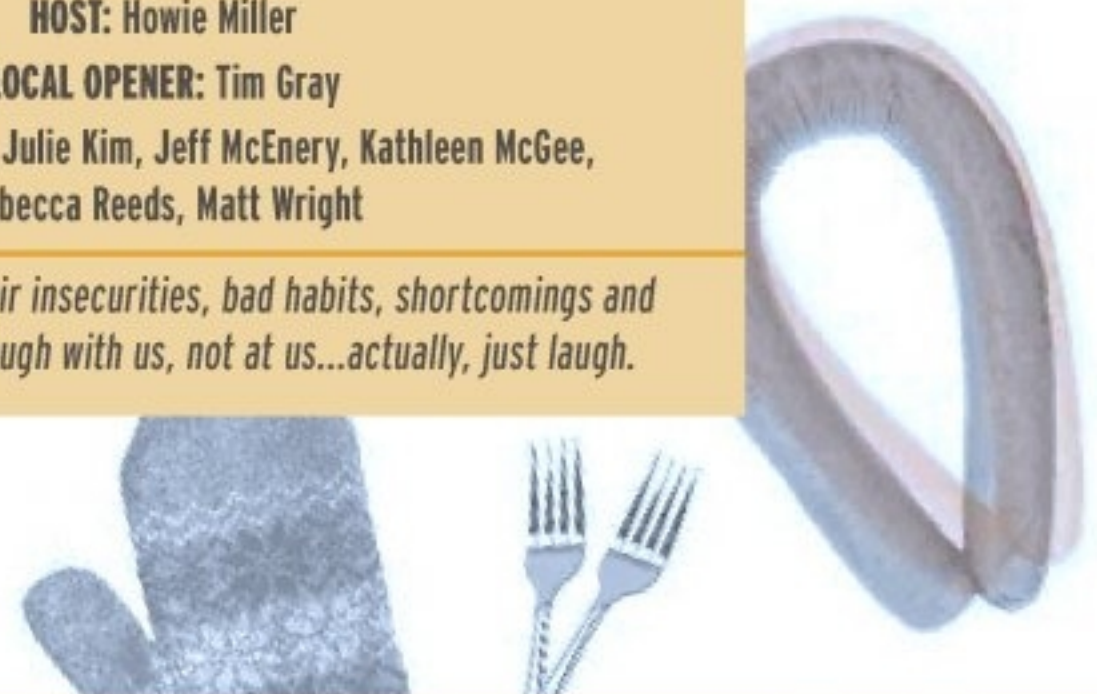
PANTAGES PLAYHOUSE THEATRE | 9:15 pm | Tickets: \$35

HOST: Howie Miller

LOCAL OPENER: Tim Gray

CAST: Glen Foster, Julie Kim, Jeff McEnery, Kathleen McGee, Rebecca Reeds, Matt Wright

*Comedians lay out their insecurities, bad habits, shortcomings and personal failings. Laugh with us, not at us...actually, just laugh.*



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## SUNDAY, APRIL 9

### You're Welcome

West End Cultural Centre | 12 noon | Tickets: Free

HOST: Martha Chaves

CAST: Fatima Dhowre, Chad Anderson, Mark James Heath, Ben Walker

*An afternoon of ethnic comedy for new and old Canadians. All are welcome.*

### CBC Radio's The Debaters

Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: \$30

HOST: Steve Patterson

DEBATERS: Howie Miller vs Joe Vu, Jackie Kashian vs Derek Seguin,  
Jacob Samuels vs Dean Jenkinson, Lara Rae vs Tim Nutt,  
Jen Grant vs Amanda Brooke Perrin, Ivan Decker vs Julie Kim

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### The Kardashians Made Me Do It

West End Cultural Centre | 3:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOST: Shazia Mirza

*Bringing her hit show from London England, Mirza focuses her wry wit on life, love and Jihadi brides.*

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### Best of the Fest & The Mic Awards

Club Regent Event Centre | 7:00 pm | Tickets: \$25

HOST: Jackie Kashian

CAST: Glen Foster, Jeff McEnery, Matt Wright,  
Rob Pue, Nikki Payne, Shazia Mirza

*We've saved the best for last. We celebrate the finest talent from our 16th year and honour our first rate comics and volunteers with our very own Mic Awards. Including the winner of the CBC Patron's Pick Award chosen by you. Don't forget to vote! (all ages welcome)*



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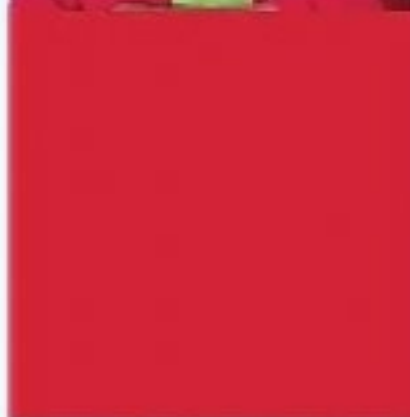
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**FACTS:**

- The building is 100 years old and was previously an ESSO Gas Station for decades (that is where we get our name from!).
- In 1996, Riverborne Development Corporation sold the theatre to the Osborne Village Cultural Centre for \$1 to manage and own the building.
- GSAC produces the annual Winnipeg Comedy Festival; celebrating its 16th anniversary in 2017. GSAC is also the home of the Winnipeg Improv Festival; celebrating its 17th anniversary in October, 2017.
- Groups that have been on stage at GSAC include School of Contemporary Dancers, Winnipeg Contemporary Dancers, Outside Joke, Theatre Projects, Nafro, Reel Pride, Q Dance, Crumbs, Young Lungs, University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, several Winnipeg High School and many other professional and emerging groups.
- Now in 2017 GSAC is expanding, we are creating a new 20,000 sq. foot theatre with more seating (232 seats to 300 seats), better wing space, larger lobby space for an art gallery, second performance stage and all new equipment.



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## 2017 LINEUP

### GALA HOSTS

**TOMMY CHONG**  
**GAVIN CRAWFORD**  
**HOWIE MILLER**  
**NIKKI PAYNE**  
**WILL SASSO**

### PERFORMERS

Spencer Adamus  
Chad Anderson  
Ryan Ash  
Gerry Barrett  
Rob Bebenek  
Ashley Burdett  
Martha Chaves  
Ify Chiwetelu  
Bruce Clark  
Cara Connors  
Carole Cunningham  
Caitlin Curtis  
Ivan Decker  
Charlie Demers  
Fatima Dhowre  
Trevor Dineen  
Sean Emeny

Matt Falk  
Janique Freynet-Gagné  
Adrienne Fish  
Glen Foster  
Jen Grant  
Tim Gray  
Ali Hassan  
Patrick Haye  
Mark James Heath  
Dave Hemstad  
Robby Hoffman  
Dean Jenkinson  
Jackie Kashian  
Julie Kim  
Deborah Kimmett  
Nathan Macintosh  
Jeff McEnery

Kathleen McGee  
Shazia Mirza  
Ashley Moffatt  
Matt Nightingale  
Andy Noble  
Tim Nutt  
Steve Patterson  
Tyler Penner  
Lloyd Peterson  
Amanda Brooke Perrin  
Eric Plamondon  
Rob Pue  
Paul Rabliauskas  
Lara Rae  
Rebecca Reeds  
Benji Rothman  
Jacob Samuel

Kate Schellenberg  
Nile Séguin  
Derek Seguin  
Erica Sigurdson  
Stephen Sim  
Florence Spence  
Angie St. Mars  
Gordon Tanner  
Big Daddy Tazz  
Alicia Tobin  
Dan Verville  
André Vrignon-Tessier  
Joe Vu  
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